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RUC code of conduct to reassure Catholics

From Richard Ford, Belfast

A new code of conduct for the Royal Ulster Constabulary is to be the first visible result of the joint Anglo-Irish ministerial conference, whose initial meeting yesterday led to the injury of 38 police officers when "Loyalist" protests erupted into violence and lunchtime walk-outs from Protestant-dominated industry.

After almost eight hours of talks at Stormont Castle, which was guarded by hundreds of police, and surrounded by newly-erected rolls of barbed wire, the conference agreed that the Armed Forces, including the Ulster Defence Regiment and RUC, must not only discharge their duties even-handedly between the two communities, but be seen to be doing so.

Sir John Hermon, Chief Constable of the RUC, indicated that he had been considering the introduction of a code of conduct, and, in consultation with the police authority, would introduce one as soon as possible next year.

The conference meeting in Belfast also set up a working party of officials to consider machinery to discuss legal matters, including the administration of justice, and was told that security on the southern side of the border had been increased.

Extra manpower and support facilities had been devoted to border areas, with the Irish Republic's task force supplementing local police officers as a "precautionary measure and to provide increased reassurance".

With the joint Ministerial conference due to meet again early next year, the evidence that both governments are determined it should produce results, particularly in the sensitive area of security, is likely to further enrage Unionists, who throughout yesterday could only protest outside the castle and at the headquarters of the conference's secretariat in Maryfield, between Belfast and Hollywood, County Down.

Their anger was increased last night by the fourth terrorist attack on an RUC station in less than a week. A mortar exploded at Tynan station, near the Armagh-Monaghan border, injured four officers and seriously damaged the building.

One of the RUC was later said to be seriously injured.

Yesterday's historic meeting took place after a night of intense activity by the security forces in the grounds of Stormont during which troops erected the fencing around the castle where Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for NOrthern Ireland greeted Mr Peter Barry, Minister for Foreign Affairs in the Republic, the joint chairman of the meeting.

At daybreak hundreds of armed members of the security force were on duty in the grounds - and at Maryfield where police and their grey Land-Rovers guarded entrances to thwart any attempt by Loyalists to storm either building.

Later Mr Michael Noonan, Minister for Justice, and Mr Liam Kavanagh, Minister for Environment, joined the meeting. On the British side was Mr Nicholas Scott, parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, and Dr Rhodes Boyson, the deputy secretary of state. The Commissioner of the Garda and Sir John Hermon attended part of the meeting.

The first loyalist protest came when the Rev Ian Paisley led a group of Northern Ireland members to hand in a letter at the castle. There was a brief scuffle with police before the Union Jack-waving delegation was allowed through.

At lunchtime, up to 5,000 workers from the Protestant-dominated Harland and Wolff shipyard and Shorts aircraft factory, marched to Maryfield, while elsewhere there were walkouts from factories and, most significantly, a power station at Ballylumford.

For almost 15 minutes a minority of the crowd carried out an attack on the RUC, hurling bottles, bricks, placards, and stones and taunting them with the words "Scum, SS-RUC".

Eventually, police in full riot gear and with truncheons arrived.

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Mr Tom King (right), Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, welcomes Mr Peter Barry, Minister of Foreign Affairs, to Stormont Castle

Hailsham's fears on crumbling morality

By Anthony Bevins
Political Correspondent

Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, the Lord Chancellor, said last night that the bottom seemed to have dropped out of morality.

In a speech to the Carlton Club he said that the surge in violent crime had made "the last few months particularly difficult to bear", and he cited cases of rape and riot as evidence of a crumbling morality, which threatened freedom and law.

Lord Hailsham said in his text that the bottom seemed to have dropped out of morality, and that the surge in violent crime had made "the last few months particularly difficult to bear."

He said he was particularly concerned about two main types of violent crime: horrifying offences against women and little children, and riots which appeared primarily designed "as a direct attack on the very structure of society".

Lord Hailsham said: "I speak of... one little girl of four apparently raped and thrown into a ditch to drown with her hands tied behind her tiny back, another little girl left to die of starvation and without water in a blocked up room, two more strangled and another put into a wardrobe drawer, apparently because she was crying.

"It must mean something to us at every level of public life that the bottom seems to have dropped out of morality."

He said he agreed with Mr Norman Tebbit in believing "that this sort of thing goes far deeper than mere questions of policing, penal treatment or sentencing policy, and cannot be either justified or explained by talking of urban deprivation or unemployment."

Lord Hailsham earlier criticised "our extremely popular, venerable, and highly respected colleague, Lord Stockton" for "talking nonsense" when he had used the analogy of selling silver for the Government's privatisation programme.

He said it was a false analogy because when a family sold its silver, it lost the use of it. "As a nation," he said, "we do not lose these assets when they are sold. They continue here to provide their services or products."

Chain stores join boycott of goods from South Africa

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

Several large retail chains, including Littlewoods and British Home Stores, have joined the boycott of goods from South Africa in protest at the apartheid regime and in future will not stock South African goods in their stores.

Other companies refusing to sell goods from South Africa include the Argos, Harris Queensway and Next chains. The announcement of the latest additions to the boycott list was made yesterday by the TUC.

Mr Norman Willis, the TUC's General Secretary, wrote to the top 50 retail companies urging them to stop selling goods and produce from South Africa as a protest against apartheid. Sainsbury and Tesco supermarket chains have already announced they intend to reduce the sale of South African goods.

At last two other retail chains have told the TUC they have joined the boycott, but have asked that no publicity be given to their action. Congress House officials are confident that more large companies will follow suit if they can be persuaded that there is a tide of public opinion in this country against the South African regime.

Although no precise figures were available last night, the most recent additions to the boycott movement would normally place orders worth tens of millions of pounds with South Africa. Much of the business done by the non-clothing companies is in fresh fruit, wines and vegetables.

Littlewoods Stores said last night the decision to join the boycott, taken by senior management, was because the company did not agree with the "South African apartheid regime". British Home Stores said that in the past it had stocked only a "small quantity" of South African goods, but that had been phased out over a period of years. Both companies said their decisions had not been taken as a result of customer pressure.

Mr Willis, who yesterday met a senior official of the Congress of South African Trade Unions, said: "There is still a long way to go before we have a complete or effective boycott, but the pressure is building up and we are doing all we can to make sure that retailers are fully aware of public feeling."

Mr Maxwell Xulu, treasurer of the South African unions group, told a press conference he did not believe boycotts in Britain of South African goods would be a serious threat to jobs in his country, but he made plain he would not want to see

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Thatcher concern over Lloyd's

By Anthony Bevins
Political Correspondent

The Prime Minister was said last night to be deeply concerned about the "environment" in which the Lloyd's insurance market is now operating.

But government sources were strongly critical of yesterday's "unhelpful" report in *The Times*, identifying senior ministers as the possible victims of syndicates which may be touched by scandal.

Mr John Wakeham, the Government Chief Whip, who was a 1981 member of four Lloyd's syndicates managed by agents named in a commons motion by Mr Brian Sedgemore on Tuesday, said yesterday: "If there has been any impropriety by management of any Lloyd's syndicates, I and the other names in Lloyd's are likely to suffer rather than gain from any such impropriety."

Meanwhile, Mr Sedgemore, the Labour MP who is leading a Commons campaign for stricter control of the City, yesterday wrote to the Prime Minister ask for the resignation from Lloyd's of Mr Michael Howard, the Parliamentary Under-Secretary at the Department of Trade and Industry, who is to steer the Financial Services Bill through the Commons early next year.

The Government has so far resisted all-party pressure to include Lloyd's in the legislation, preferring to rely upon self-regulation.

Mr Sedgemore told Mrs Thatcher that according to his Lloyd's list and the Commons *Register of Members' Interests*, Mr Howard was a member of five syndicates.

He said: "I would have thought that there was a clear conflict of interest here and that Michael Howard should, if he has not already done so, resign from these syndicates pending the passage of the Bill though Parliament."

A spokesman for the Department of Trade and Industry last night issued a statement from Mr Howard, in which he said: "Insofar as my continuing membership gives me any interest it is an interest in ensuring that there is effective protection for the names, who are the only people who have suffered losses as a result of irregularities at Lloyd's. No policyholders have suffered any loss at all."

Nevertheless, a number of Conservative MPs yesterday expressed surprise that Mr Howard should remain a member of Lloyd's while maintaining direct responsibility for the Financial Services Bill, which is to be published next week.

Mr Sedgemore also told Mrs Thatcher that there had been a "number of encouraging events" recently concerning the scandals at Lloyd's.

"The Fraud Investigation Group has beefed up its enquiries. And Mr Ian Hay

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Pound under more pressure

By David Young
and David Smith

Oil prices and the pound had another hectic day yesterday in the wake of the weekend meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

North Sea Brent crude, the main crude oil traded on the spot markets of Europe, swung between $23.80 and $26 a barrel as a result of Opec abandoning its price and quota system.

The pound was down 2.63 cents against the dollar at one point, but recovered from a low of $1.4107 in London to $1.4217 in New York.

The fall in world oil prices which started on Monday when Opec effectively abandoned its price and quota system in an effort to force non-Opec producers to consider co-operating in output restraint, continued with spot trading in Europe being suspended for a short period until oil traders analysed the situation.

Last night traders in Europe and New York were predicting a levelling out of oil prices later this week at about the $25 a barrel mark with predictions that several of the 90 or so spot market dealers would face severe losses by the end of this week.

Mr Marck Rich, among the most colourful of the operators in the spot market, paid over $26 a barrel for North Sea Brent crude, leading to suggestions that the worst of the price slump may be over.

However, it will be several days before the leading oil companies can calculate if the fall in crude prices will lead to a fall in petrol prices for motorists.

A spokesman for one of the leading companies said: "If our crude oil costs fall then the price of petrol will fall, but so far the fall in the value of the pound against the dollar has cancelled out any price advantage.

The pound fell as the price of oil tumbled on world markets. In London it dropped 2.63 cents to close at $1.4107 against the dollar, and five pfennigs to DM3.5991 against the mark. The sterling index fell 1.0 to 77.9

In the last two days, the pound has fallen more than five cents against the dollar and 10 pfennigs against the mark.

The pound held steady in the morning at about the previous night's levels. However, there was a spate of pound sales when the American markets opened. Last night in New York, however, the pound steadied slightly, rising above $1.4200. Mr Carmine Rotondo, chief foreign exchange dealer with Manufacturers Hanover Trust in New York, said: "We think of the pound as very soft. The price of oil in the spot markets has shown the biggest decrease for five or six years. I

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Black takes control of Daily Telegraph

By Ian Griffiths

Control of the *Daily Telegraph* passed last night to Mr Conrad Black, the Canadian businessman in a deal which brings to an end nearly 60 years of ownership by the Berry family.

The news of the deal came in a statement issued by Lord Hartwell, the *Telegraph*'s chairman. It said only that Mr Black is to acquire a 50.1 per cent holding in the paper and that the Hartwell family holding would be reduced to a minority.

The announcement brings to an end months of speculation about the paper's future which has been rife since Mr Black acquired a 14 per cent stake in June. *The Telegraph* has been dogged by financial difficulties, family rows and a falling circulation.

Mr Black, aged 41, entered the *Telegraph* arena as the paper's management put together a £110 million financing package. Profit forecasts proved to be optimistic and it became clear that the growing losses were putting an unbearable strain on the paper's finances.

Increasing pressure from the *Telegraph's* financial supporters for sweeping changes gave Mr Black the opportunity he had been waiting for.

The deal has been imminent to save the Telegraph group from financial crisis over repayments on loans to pay for two new printing plants

In a statement to appear in today's *Daily Telegraph*, Lord Hartwell says: "In order to finance the complete re-planting of the *Daily Telegraph*, extra finance is having to be arranged."

Lord Hartwell added: "By agreement, I shall remain Chairman and Editor-in-Chief of the Daily and Sunday Telegraphs."

Any hope that the Berry family would be able to retain ownership of the paper disappeared earlier yesterday when Mr Leon Brittain, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, announced that he was not going to refer the deal with Mr Black to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

The way is now clear for far-reaching management changes at the *Telegraph*. Last night there were rumours that Mr Andrew Knight, editor of *The Economist*, would be invited to take on a senior executive role.

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Philippines opposition chiefs unite

Manila (Reuter) – Philippine opposition leaders patched up their differences last night and said they agreed that Mrs Corazon Aquino, widow of the murdered opposition leader Benigno Aquino, should run against President Marcos in February's elections.

Mrs Aquino and a former senator, Mr Salvador Laurel, announced their agreement only hours after President Marcos was nominated formally as candidate for his New Society Movement and chose a former Foreign Minister, Mr Arturo Tolentino, as his running mate.

The opposition leaders said Mr Laurel would be the vice-presidential candidate.

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Staff fraud admitted by JMB

By Richard Thompson
Banking Correspondent

Johnson Matthey Bankers yesterday admitted that members of its staff had been involved in fraud with Nigeria before the bank's near collapse last year with losses of £248 million. JMB has been the subject of allegations of fraud for several months.

The bank said that it had "identified certain transactions by a few customers, apparently undertaken in some cases with the knowledge of the bank, designed to circumvent Nigerian exchange control."

Mr David Walker, chairman of JMB and an executive director of the Bank of England, said that the Nigerian fraud appeared to have been perpetrated by a number of related Asian customers of JMB. "We are not aware of a conspiracy, but we do not know."

Mr Walker declined to give the extent of the fraud but said it did not form a substantial part of the £70 million pretax losses reported yesterday by JMB for the 15 months to June 30.

JMB still has around £100 million in loans to clients trading with Nigeria. But Mr Walker said that he was confident these clients were not involved in fraud and that full provisions against losses had been made in JMB's accounts.

Mr Walker said that, although the exchange control frauds were not a crime in this country, related misdemeanours, such as forged documents, would be. All allegations of fraud were being taken seriously and JMB was helping police in their investigations.

He denied, however, that Bank of England officials had been involved in misdemeanours since taking over JMB last year.

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British Euro-MPs in Strasbourg scuffle

From Richard Owen, Strasbourg

British Euro-MPs, who have brought debating ability and knowledge of procedure to the European Parliament, yesterday introduced another, less desirable British import – hooliganism.

Mr Paul Howell, a British Conservative MEP, claimed that a group of Labour MEPs had knocked him to the ground and kicked him in the ribs. The Labour MEPs agreed that there had been an incident, but said that Mr Howell had "made a go for" Mr Llewellyn Smith, a Labour MEP, who had put his arms round Mr Howell to avoid being hit. "I just pulled him over on the floor," said Mr Smith.

To the embarrassment of all concerned, the incident was filmed by West German, French and Italian television which, as a winded Mr Howell remarked later, was "hardly good for Britain's image in Europe".

The Labour MEPs involved in the incident said that Mr Howell, a young farmer from Norfolk, had punched one of their number – Mr Ken Stewart – on the nose while the Labour group was singing carols and collecting for charity near a Christmas tree outside the parliamentary chamber.

But Mr Howell strongly denied this, and said he had refrained from fighting back "though I was sorely tempted".

The incident began when Mr Stewart, who comes from Liverpool, Mr Llewellyn Smith of South-East Wales, Mr Alex Falconer of Mid Scotland and Fife, and other Labour members began collecting for Oxfam with placards reading "Flesh Pots Against Famine", and other slogans critical of cuts in EEC food aid.

Inside the chamber, Mr Howell, who has been behind Eritrean guerrilla's lines in Ethiopia, told MEPs that Oxfam had not authorized the collection and that the Labour MEPs were using charity for political ends.



Mr Paul Howell: Complained to President

On leaving the chamber, he remonstrated with the Labour group, who challenged him to repeat his remarks. When he did so, according to both his own account and that of an independent witness, Mr Howell was thrown to the ground, spat upon, kicked and punched.

Several European MEPs and visitors saw the incident and Mr Howell's assailants were pulled off by Mr Bary Seal, a Labour MEP from West Yorkshire.

Mr Howell said he had complained to the president of the Parliament, and that the frock coated Assembly ushers had failed to intervene.

He described the Labour MEPs as cowards who had resorted to "punch-up politics".

The European Parliament, after recovering from shock, continued with its debate on EEC reforms and the 1986 budget, as if nothing had happened. But, as one parliamentary official said, Strasbourg debates may never be quite the same again.



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Sex attacker ordered to compensate victims with part of car crash award

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Christopher Meah, the sex attacker who won £45,750 damages for car crash head injuries which turned him into a rapist, was ordered by a High Court judge yesterday to give up part of the sum to compensae his victims.

Mr Justice Woolf, who made the original award to Meah last year, rejected the rapist's claim that the £17,560 he awarded on Teusday to the two women who suffered horrifying sexual ordeals should be paid by an insurance company.

In rare defence of a judicial decision the judge answered criticisms from MPs and women's groups that the amount he awarded to the two women was "miserly" compared with that he awarded to Meah.

It was not true, Mr Justice Woolf said, that Meah's award was excessive. But for his injuries, he would not have consequently been sentenced to life imprisonment for his crimes. The sentence made it unlikely that he would see his money for a very long time, if ever.

The Lord Chancellor, Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone also issued a letter in response to criticisms by Mr Jack Ashley, MP for Stoke-on-Trent South that the awards to the two women victims, was, compared with that to Meah, a "judicial scandal" and brought the judiciary "into disrepute".

"There is no way in which you can turn the Lord Chancellor into a substitute for the Court of Appeal", Lord Hailsham said.

He added that in any case where High Court judges were concerned, jurisdiction on such matters was not for the Lord Chancellor but for Parliament as a whole.

Meah, a cab driver of East London, was awarded his damages last year when the judge ruled that a personality change suffered in a car crash had unleashed underlying tendencies and reduced his inhibitions to an extent that he committed "monstrous" crimes.

The rape victim Miss D, who was trussed "like a chicken" and stabbed, was awarded £10,480 and the other woman, who underwent a degrading five-hour sexual ordeal, was awarded £7,080.

Referring to his assessment of damages for Meah, the judge said it was important to remember that "although he was a young man who, prior to the accident, had his faults, he would not have committed these attacks but for the injuries he suffered".

Meah's award was also defended yesterday by his solicitor and the consultant who gave evidence on his behalf at the time of his claim. His solicitor, Mr Martin Westwood, said in a statement that comparisons were "misleading".

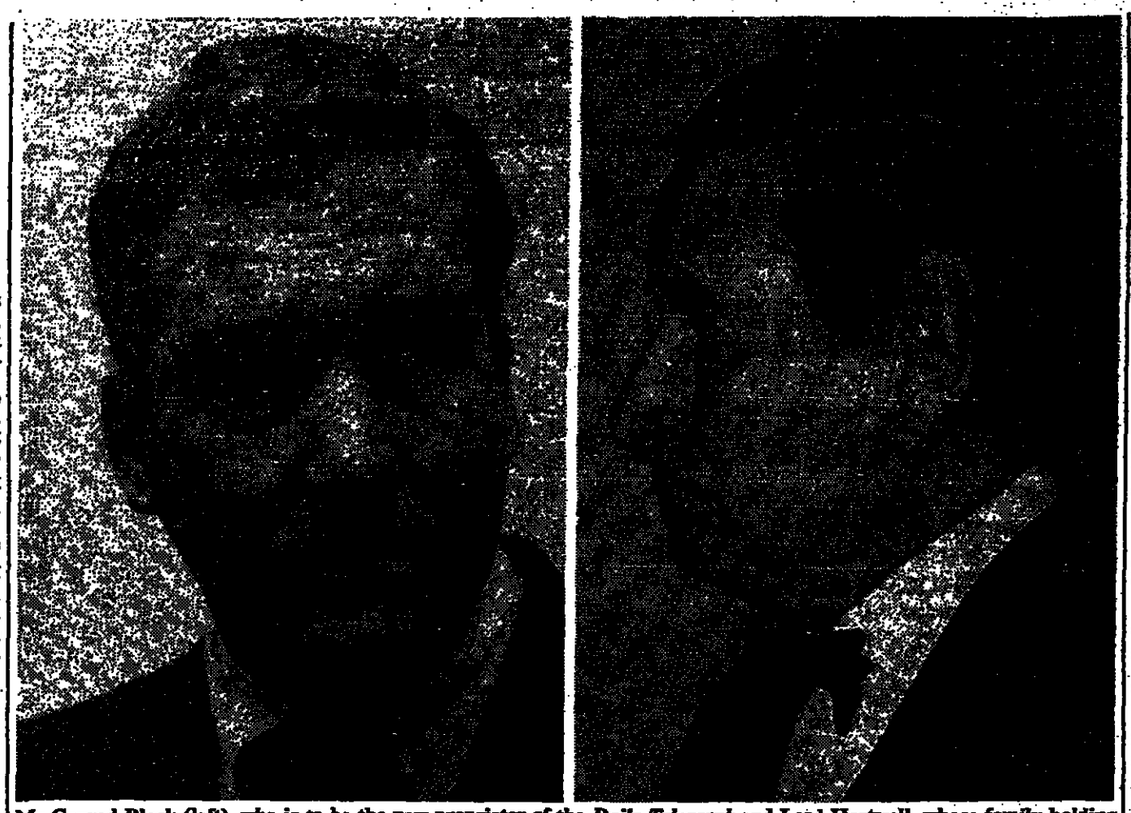
The court had had regard "to all the consequences to him after the accident including orthopaedic injuries to his legs, facial injuries, permanent brain damage (he was in a coma for four weeks), epilepsy and a personality change".

Dr William Gooddy, the neurologist, said Meah's award had been a fair one based purely on the medical evidence as to his head injury. As a man who received a very serious injury in 1978, he was entitled to that award like anyone else

The case has also focused debate on the level of awards paid by the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board. Mr Michael Ogden, QC, chairman, said the two women had received far lower awards from the board because its rules prevented it from awarding "aggravated" damages above the level appropriate for the injury itself, as Mr Justice Woolf had done in this case.

Miss Harriet Harman, Labour MP for Peckham, called for a change in the law to protect the anonymity of rape victims in civil as well as criminal courts.

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Mr Conrad Black (left), who is to be the new proprietor of the *Daily Telegraph*, and Lord Hartwell, whose family holding will be reduced to a minority.

All-party Gartcosh alliance collapses

By Julian Haviland, Political Editor

The all-party campaign to prevent the closure of British Steel Corporation's finishing mill at Gartcosh in Strathclyde came to a sudden halt yesterday when an uneasy alliance of Conservative and Opposition MPs collapsed.

A report from the Select Committee on Scottish Affairs, which was expected to insist on a three-year reprieve for Gartcosh, was stillborn when Conservative members unexpectedly withheld support from a draft, which was thought to have been agreed in informal talks.

Conservative critics of British Steel and of the Government split with other Conservatives loyal to the Government but failed to make common cause with the Opposition. The Labour members then resigned in protest, accusing the Conservatives of bad faith.

There will be no report now, and nothing to strengthen the hand of the minority of ministers who are still thought to favour a reprieve for Gartcosh.

Mr David Lambie, Labour MP for Cunninghame South and chairman of the committee, said that the evidence they had received would be published shortly.

Mr Donald Dewar, senior Labour spokesman on Scottish affairs, announcing the resignation of the Labour committee members, said that the committee had been the victim of a shoddy manoeuvre by the Tories. The necessary basis of mutual confidence had, at least for a period, been destroyed.

In the chamber, Mr Gordon Wilson, Scottish National Party member for Dundee East, spoke of the "Quisling-like behaviour" of some committee members. He was called to order by the Speaker.

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Public row in private medicine

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

Britain's biggest private health insurers and American Medical International, the largest private health care provider in the UK, yesterday fell out publicly over claims that commercial operators such as AMI are pushing up the cost of private medical care and threatening its future.

In a remarkable public row, Mr John Cassels, AMI's director of marketing, accused the British United Provident Association (Bupa) of "attempting to blame the health care providers for the mismanagment of health insurance."

But Private Patients Plan, Britain's biggest health insurer, backed Bupa's claims that AMI's expansion has inflated the cost of private treatment.

The exchanges follow an attack by Mr Bob Graham, chief executive of Bupa, who said that the pursuit of profit in private health care was in danger of "killing the goose which lays the golden eggs."

The rising cost of private care, driven by the desire for a return on investment, was "the biggest threat"

But Mr Gene Burleson, chief executive of AMI, which has about 1300 private beds, said "Bupa and the other provident associations are seeking to blame falsely the independent hospital groups for their increasing insurance premiums". While Bupa claimed private medical inflation was running at 15 per cent, he said, AMI's charges rose by only 5 to 8 per cent last July.

Bupa itself ran private hospitals for profit, AMI said.

But while Bupa declined to comment further, Mr Roy Forman, managing director of PPP said: "If AMI would divulge their price increase over the past three years, that would speak for itself."

Judges to reconsider right of audience

A collegiate body of 105 High Court and Court of Appeal judges is expected to meet to discuss whether changes are needed to allow solicitors to appear in their courts, after a test ruling by the Master of the Rolls yesterday.

A case was brought by Mr Cyril Smith, Liberal MP for Rochdale, to challenge the Bar's monopoly of audience rights in higher courts. Giving judgement, Sir John Donaldson said that barristers' rights of audience were not exclusive. Nor did they constitute any obstacle to extending the audience rights of solicitors.

The judges, as a group, had power to decide who should appear before them and he had no doubt that the two bodies of Court and Appeal and High Court judges would consider if any changes were necessary in the public interest and that of the "efficient and effective administration of justice".

But Sir John strongly hinted there should be no big changes. In a vigorous defence of the status quo and the present restrictive practices he said there was a public interest "in ensuring that the size of the group of permitted advocates is not unduly large".

The public interest required that the courts should be able to "have absolute trust in the advocates who appear before them", he said.

The conduct of litigation in terms of presenting the arguments in a concise and logical form, deploying and testing the evidence and examining the relevant law demanded "professional skills of a high order".

Failure to display those skills would "inevitably extend the time needed to reach a decision", thus affecting other litigants waiting to have disputes settled by the courts, and would add to the costs. In extreme case it could lead to a court reaching a wrong decision.

Those high standards of skill and probity "are not capable of being maintaine without peer leadershipand pressures, and appropriate disciplinary systems" and the difficulty of maintaining them increased with any increase in the size off the gourp allowed to practice advocacy before the courts.

Sir John dismissed the appeal brought by Mr Smith who wanted his solicitor to read a seven-line statement in settlement of a libel action.

The judge, Mr Justice Leonard, had refused, arguing he had no discretion to allow the solicitor, Mr Alastair Brett, who is also a legal assistant with *The Times*, to read the statement. Sir John said the judge was right.

The practices and procedures of the High Court should not be changed on a "piecemeal" basis by individual judges but by them as a group.

In a statement yesterday the Law Society, which funded the appeal together with Times Newspapers, welcomed the clarification of the law and the indication that the judges would collectively issue a practice direction reviewing current practice.

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Wider say urged on union funds

By Richard Evans, Lobby Reporter

The Government is tentatively considering introducing new legislation before the next general election to give individual trade unionists more control over their unions' funds.

Such legislation would reflect a reaction to the way Mr Arthur Scargill, president of the National Union of Mineworkers, manipulated his union's cash out of the country during the pit strike.

Following the Government's successful legislation to introduce more democracy into trade unions, there is growing pressure in Whitehall to go a step further.

"During the miners' strike millions of pounds were secretly carried about in suitcases full of used fivers. We need to make union leaders more answerable to their members on financial matters", one senior minister said yesterday.

Apart from Mr Scargill's performance in switching his union's cash from country to country in an attempt to delay court orders to seize the money, there is also ministerial concern over rumours that the Transport and General Workers' Union loaned millions of pounds to the NUM after the miners' finances were eventually frozen.

If new legislation is brought forward, union chiefs would be more accountable to their members in financial matters.

Idle school grounds 'a scandal'

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

Sports grounds and other facilities in state schools and colleges will be available for greater use by the public out-of-hours, under an initiative being prepared by Mr Richard Tracey, the Minister of Sport.

Mr Tracey told the Commons select committee on the environment last night that it was unacceptable facilities should be idle for long periods. It was nothing short of scandalous that the ratepayer and the taxpayer had contributed to the facilities and they were not in full use.

Mr Tracey has already arranged talks with ministers in the Department of Education and Science to talk about his plans, and seems certain to face some resistance.

Sir Hugh Rossi, chairman of the committee, told Mr Tracey that the education department had already given a "defensive" reply to extending use of school facilities.

He said that local education authorities liked working closely with headmasters, who might be reluctant to have their facilities thrown open.

But Mr Tracey said that in many authorities obstacles, including the hostility of headmasters, had been overcome.

He suggested the appointment, as had already occurred in some authorities, of "dual use" officers responsible for ensuring the most efficient use of sports facilities.

Lords appeal opens on pit strike killers

The House of Lords yesterday began hearing an appeal which will decide whether murder convictions and life sentences should be reinstated against two South Wales miners who killed David Wilkie, a taxi-driver, during the pit strike.

They pushed a concrete block onto Mr Wilkie's car as he drove a miner to work during the pit strike.

On October 31 the Court of Appeal substituted manslaughter convictions, with eight-year jail terms, against Reginald Dean Hancock, aged 22, of Rhymney Ridge, Rhymney, Mid-Glamorgan and Russell Shankland, aged 21, of Menest Street, Rhymney.

Mr Martin Thomas, QC, for the Crown, opening the appeal told the Law Lords that directions given by Mr Justice Mann, the trial judge, to the jury, which found the two men guilty of murder, had been clear and succinct.

The Court of Appeal had held that Mr Justice Mann was unwittingly misled by guidelines issued recently by the House of Lords.

Mr Gareth Williams, QC, for Hancock, said that the jury had found great difficulty in reaching the verdict. Much time had since been occupied arguing. These factors showed that there was no possibility of the jury being misled must be wrong.

The hearing continues today.

● The National Coal Board yesterday defended its decision to dismiss Anthony Williams, a miner, for "gross industrial misconduct" although a jury had found him not guilty of murdering Mr Wilkie (Tim Jones writes).

At an industrial Tribunal in Cardiff, Mr Williams, aged 28, is claiming he was unfairly dismissed.

Union attacks docks bid

By Our Defence Correspondent

Senior managers at the Royal Dockyard at Devonport who are planning to bid for the contract to run the dockyard when private management is introduced in 1987 were yesterday called on to resign.

The managers, led by Mr David Johnston, the managing director, announced their intention on Monday. Yesterday the Ministry of Defence Council of Civil Service Unions, which claims to represent all white collar staff at the Devonport dockyard, said the managers' plan created a conflict of interest.

The managers would be dealing with interested commercial companies as possible bidders for the dockyard contract, while themselves being bidders. If they pursued the bid, they should resign their positions immediately to protect the intergrity of the public service.

SDP urges land trust for farmers

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

An independent National Land Trust empowered to receive land in lieu of inheritance taxes and let it to young, first-time farmers is proposed in a policy document published yesterday by the Social Democratic Party.

The document is the first comprehensive statement on agriculture and the countryside issued by the party since its inception and is intended to counter criticism that, in spite of evidence of strong support in many rural areas, it has so far failed to come up with a policy for farming.

Farming in the Rural Economy (Social Democratic Party, 4 Cowley Street, London SW1P 3NB).

French asked to take back 'sham' patient

By Michael Horsnell

The mysterious case of the Russian who has feigned unconsciousness in a hospital bed for three weeks led to negotiations between anxious health officials and French consular representatives last night.

Mr Vladimir Leontev, aged 43, an emigré granted refuge status by France in 1978, has resolutely maintained a sham coma since police attempted to question him about a road accident on the A5 on November 16 and about the £25,000 in French francs he was carrying.

A spokesman for North West Hertfordshire health authorly said that Mr Leontev, who is occupying a £70 a day bed in Hemel Hempstead general hospital should be removed by arrangement with French officials within the next few days whether he "regains" consciousness or not. Officials are certain he is feigning unconsciousness.

French consular officials have tried to interview Mr Leontev, but his repatriation is not a certainty. A spokesman for the French Embassy in London said: "We are not planning to do anything about the case at the moment. He is under French asylum but doesn't have French nationality. There is no suggestion that the money found on him was stolen."

Police have dropped a motoring barge agast Mr Leontev and are treating the case as an immigration matter. A Home Office spokesman said: "He is a recognized refugee in France who did not need a visa for the short admission to this country."

Party split as Asians expelled

By Craig Seton

The Labour Party in Sparkbrook, Birmingham, the constituency of Mr Roy Hattersley, Labour's deputy leader, is split over a controversial decision to expel two Asian members who supported establishing a black section.

Black sections are outlawed by the party, and when one was created in September at Sparkbrook, Mr Hattersley made clear his bitter opposition, saying that black sections were "racist and divisive".

Supporters of the Sparkbrook black section claim that the local constituency party is engaged in a witch hunt.

Two weeks ago the party's Sparkbrook general management committee voted to expel Mr Amir Khan, a Birmingham City councillor and chairman of the constituency black section.

The committee has now voted to expel Mr Mohammed Rafique, a West Midlands county councillor. Mr Paul Sharma, the Midlands black section organizer pledged that Labour Party black sections "will be used to fight for Mr Rafique and Mr Khan".

Questioning 'broke down' corporal

By Gregory Neale

A young Serviceman yesterday told how he broke down under military interrogation after being falsely accused of being involved in homosexul parties, wife-swapping, drug-taking and espionage.

Lance Corporal Raymond Matthews, aged 23, was giving evidence at the inquiry into the detention of eight other Servicemen who were acquitted in the Cyprus secrets trial this year.

The inquiry earlier heard how one of the Servicemen subsequently acquitted was found "completely broken" in his cell after an interrogation. It has also been told of alterations between Army, Air Force and government communications officers over the legality of detaining the men without charge.

Lance Corporal Matthews said he was in England on leave with his wife when he was arrested on March 21 last year, and flown to Cyprus.

He told the inquiry that he had been met by two interrogators, Staff Sergeant Benon and Sergeant Hall, who drove him to the base where hewas to be questioned. The interrogators kept up a conversation saying that he faced imprisonment. Bewildered, he had broken into tears.

Lance Corporal Matthews said Staff Sergeant Benon had accused him of being a pimp, and said that two of the men later acquitted had had sex with Mrs Matthews.

"It was the worst experience of my life. I had reached such a state that at one stage things were so bad that if I had been asked to write a confession, I think I would have done," he said.

The inquiry continues today.

Ex-Sheriff fined for drink-driving

Mr Timothy Barclay, aged 62, a landowner and former High Sheriff of Norfolk, of Middleton Towers near King's Lynn, was yesterday ordered to pay more than £900 in fines and costs by Hunstanton magistrates after he pleaded guilty to a second drink driving offence in three years, failing to provide a specimen and failing to stop after an accident.

He was also banned from driving for three years.

Star Wars snagged on 'secret'

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent

Ministry of Defence officials have this week been working out with their American opposite numbers means of passing on to industry information about the contents of the memorandum of understanding on British participation in the "Star Wars" research programme, which was signed last Friday.

The agreement, which is intended to provide a framework within which British companies and research establishments can negotiate contracts for elements of the research work, is officially classified as "secret". The reasons for its high security classification are believed to be not only that it contains militarily sensitive information, but also that neither Britain nor America seem to wish to disclose to other nations the details of the agreement they have made.

But the agreement can serve its purpose as the framework for practical commercial contracts only if industry knows of its provisions on questions such as the exchange of technology and intellectual property rights.

Fatal shot

Ian Rogers, a teenager shot at the home of Mike Reid, the comedian, was killed by a single gunshot wound, according to a post mortem examination. No date has yet been fixed for the inquest.

The Times overseas selling prices
Australia $2.50; Bahrain B.Drs 80; Canada $2.75; Cyprus £1.70; Cyprus 70 cents; Denmark Dkr 5.00; Finland Mk(x) 9.00; France Frs 8.00; Germany Dm 3.00; Gibraltar 80p; Greece Dr 180; Holland Fl 3.50; Irish Republic 40p; Italy L 2000; Luxembourg Lf 45; Morocco Dir 1.70; Malta 36c; Morocco Dir 10.00; Norway Kr 9.00; Pakistan Rps 15; Portugal Esc 170; Singapore $2.50; Spain Pes 170; Sweden Kr 9.00; Switzerland fr 2.50; Tunisia Din 2.000; USA $1.75; Yugoslavia Din 380

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Man in the news

Style of millionaire who began as signwriter

By Alan Hamilton

When Mr Alan Bond's elder daughter married an American radiologist in Perth last month, the 400 guests representing the cream of Western Australia's political and business community, drank their way through 20 dozen bottles of Krug, and each was presented with a gold medallion showing the bride and groom in profile.

Rumour suggest that Mr Bond even had the interior of the church repainted to tone with his daughter's wedding dress, which, if true, would have been an appropriate, if vulgar, flourish for a man who not many years ago was a humble sign painter. The shindig cost Mr Bond the equivalent of £200,000.

It was small beer to a man who is Australia's biggest brewer, and who, on Tuesday, added a significant slice of the Thorn-EMI British film business, with its 106 ABC cinemas, Elstree studios, and a library of 2,000 films, to his sprawling Bond Corporation, in which he holds a 52 per cent stake.



Mr Alan Bond, who enjoys folk-hero status

Ealing, west London, in 1938, and was at school at Perivale when, in 1951, his father took the family to live in the kinder climate of Western Australia. He left school at 15 and became an apprentice signwriter; by the time he was 19 he was running his own painting and decorating company.

He was still in his teens when he became a property speculator, buying and selling a quarter-acre block in Perth. His luck held through several risky land deals, and by the 1960s he was developing a barren strip of coast 50 miles north of the state capital and naming it Yanchep Sun City. He survived the collapse of the Australian property boom in 1974 by selling Sun City to the Japanese.

He went on to buy into Australia's emerging oil and gas exploration industry, which turned out to be very shrewd thing to do, although in the past ten years his Corporation has enjoyed varying fortunes. This year, however, the conglomerate declared a profit of 23 million Australian dollars (£10.8m), a 119 per cent increase on the previous year, on assets which have swelled to 1,262 million Australian dollars since he swallowed up the Castlemaine-Tooheys brewery group earlier this year in Australia's largest takeover.

Financial analysts are concerned that in spite of the healthy profit on the year, the Bond Corporation is overburdened with debt; current borrowing exceeds 1 billion Australian dollars, much of it needed for the Castlemaine takeover.

More than 90 per cent of Bond's profits this year came from the Swan Brewery, which he bought in 1981, and his media interests, which include television stations in Perth and Brisbane, and three radio stations. Buying into Thorn-EMI offers him a vast film library to feed his television stations, and 106 British cinemas to give a wider audience to Australia's home-grown film industry.

He is a man of small stature but immense optimism and, his business rivals grudingly admit, a master at spotting long-term opportunities, but the reason for "Bondy's" elevation to heroic status in Australia is that he provided the wherewithal for his country to achieve victory in the America's Cup in 1983.

He is determined to do it again when the trophy is defended at Fremantle in 1987. Even if the Americans snatch back the cup, Bondy is likely to make a killing. He has invested 100 million dollars in an America's Cup viewing and entertainment complex by the waterfront, and owns another 40 local hotels.

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Three or four child abuse deaths a week, NSPCC claims

Three or four children die every week from child abuse or neglect, according to the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

A new report by the society into child abuse deaths in England and Wales shows that previous estimates of between 50 and 60 deaths a year were a "considerable underestimate", Dr Alan Gilmour, the NSPCC's director, said in London yesterday.

Dr Gilmour said that the report, the largest continuing survey of child abuse in England and Wales, covers the past decade and was updated last September to include 1983-84. It showed a more realistic estimate of between 150 and 200 deaths a year. At least 50 of those die every year from "natural causes" where violence has played a part.

At least 12 deaths are also wrongly diagnosed under other causes, such as sudden infant death syndrome, when autopsies showed unnatural causes involving violence.

Dr Gilmour said that the new figures did not reflect a dramatic increase in deaths but rather approached a more realistic estimate of the actual numbers. National statistics on child abuse were urgently needed to tackle the problem.

"We are not advocating a national register of child abuse but a greater sharing of information from the 100 or so child registers throughout the country", he said.

One difficulty was children who died before a case of child abuse could be established. Their names were often struck off the child abuse register by local authorities or not included at all.

Other children in the same families could be at risk, Dr Gilmour said. "All child abuse deaths should be registered."

The report's estimates of deaths from child abuse include deaths after confirmed or suspected abuse and neglect (90-140); deaths certified as "natural causes" but involving violence (at least 50) and misdiagnosed deaths (at least 12).

"Calculating the exact numbers of child abuse deaths is tremendously difficult. The real cause is often overlooked or not obvious", Dr Gilmour said.

The society's 29 child protection teams in the North of England had reported an overall decline in serious or fatal injuries, but during the past six years they had also reported a 70 per cent increase in the total number of child abuse reports. "This proves the disease of child abuse is becoming more readily identified", he said.

The NSPCC's five-year plan is to establish a total of 60 child protection teams throughout England, Wales and Northern Ireland by the end of 1988.

During the period 1974 to 1983, the Register General recorded the deaths of 1,377 children from child abuse or neglect.

These included:

- Deaths due to hunger, thirst, exposure and neglect (184);
- Deaths due to homicide and injury purposely inflicted (703);
- Deaths due to injury undetermined whether purposely or accidentally inflicted (490).

This represents an average of 138 deaths a year but combined with the deaths from natural causes where violence played a contributory part, and deaths which have been misdiagnosed, an estimate of 200 child deaths a year is reached.

Child Abuse Deaths Information Briefing No 5; NSPCC Headley Library, 67 Safferon Hill, London EC1N8RS.

Unicef report, page 5

Police and neighbours pay tribute to victim of the Tottenham riots



Police officers and firemen yesterday lined the route of the cortege of PC Keith Blakelock to pay respect to their colleague who was killed during the Tottenham riots in October (Robin Young writes).

Traffic in Muswell Hill shopping centre, in north London, was diverted and several hundred local people lined the pavement during the service at St James's Church, which was relayed from the church by loudspeakers.

Some shops closed during the service, most were empty. Builders on scaffolding overlooked the church stopped work.

Another 100 mourners, among them policemen and firemen, watched the service on closed circuit television in two rooms at the nearby Royal British Legion Hall.

The Reverend Michael Bunker told the crowded congregation that the murder of PC Blakelock was "a dreadful, evil and criminal act" whose fundamental cause was far deeper than social deprivation. "It was the result of sin" he said.

The vicar read a tribute to the dead policeman written by a former police colleague in a letter of condolence to his widow, and added: "We are all proud to have known Keith. We are proud of Keith's contribution here in Muswell Hill, for he was our own homebeat officer."

Admission to the church was by ticket only. Official mourners were led by the Home Secretary, Mr Douglas Hurd, and the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, Sir Kenneth Newman.

The firemen whom PC Blakelock was trying to protect from rioters when he was killed were among the congregation.

Mrs Elizabeth Blakelock and her three sons, Mark, aged 13, Kevin 11 and Lee, nine, received personal condolences from the Home Secretary before the funeral cortege took relatives and close colleagues to a brief private service at the graveside.

Extra cash for couple in failed vasectomy

A couple who were awarded £9,677 damages because they had a sixth child three years after the husband had a vasectomy won an extra £1,500 in the Court of Appeal yesterday.

The court dismissed an appeal by Mr Brian Maurice, a surgeon, of Toad Wall, Town Row Green, Rotherfield, East Sussex, against a High Court Judge's ruling that he was negligent in carrying out the vasectomy without first warning Mr Donald Thake, a British Rail guard, and his wife, Patricia, that it might not be permanent.

The appeal judges allowed a cross-appeal by Mr and Mrs Thake, of Spring Lane, Bidborough, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, for an increase in their damages, which were awarded for the cost of bringing up their new daughter, Samantha, now aged 6, and the loss of Mrs Thake's earnings.

Lord Justice Kerr, sitting with Lord Justice Neill and Lord Justice Nourse, said Mrs Thake was entitled to a further £1,500 for the pain and suffering before and during the birth.

M40 judgement delayed

The Court of Appeal judges considering the fate of the £223 million M40 motorway extension said yesterday that they needed time to reach their decision and fix no date for judgement.

Legal action by Miss Helen Anscomb has delayed work since March on the Banbury to Warwick extension. The court has been asked to overturn the refusal of the High Court last May to quash the scheme.

Hunt for fan after pub fracas

Police are hunting a football supporter who provoked a fracas when he burst into a public house near Portsmouth's football stadium, and shouted at Tottenham Hotspur fans: "Come out and fight, you bastards."

Yesterday 51 Spurs fans agreed before Portsmouth magistrates to be bound over for a year to keep the peace in sums ranging from £200 to £500.

Jays divorced

Mr Peter Jay, aged 48, of Castlebar, Ealing, west London, a former ambassador to Washington, was granted a decree nisi in the London Divorce Court yesterday on the ground that he and his wife Margaret, daughter of Mr James Callaghan, the former prime minister, had lived apart for more than two years.

Fire victim dies

Mark Hope, aged 9, of Harmanswater, Bracknell, Berkshire, who was burned when a hut used as a play-den exploded on December 1, has died

Conteh fined

John Conteh, aged 34, the former world light heavyweight boxing champion, of Bushey, Hertfordshire, was fined £100 yesterday after pleading guilty at St Albans magistrates court to speeding on the M1.

Teenage weddings down by half

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

The young are postponing marriage, but there is little evidence that it is going out of fashion, according to a paper published by the Scottish Marriage Guidance Council.

In the past 15 years teenage marriage rates have fallen by about half and marriage is also less popular among those in their early twenties, the paper says. Cohabitation is on the increase. But it is too early to say that living together will replace marriage, and it is unlikely to.

Living together is increasingly recognized as "the final phase of courtship", according to the paper by Penny Mansfield, a sociologist at the Marriage Research Centre, Central Middlesex Hospital, west London.

A quarter of those getting married for the first time have lived together and two-thirds of those marrying for the second time. Yet the evidence is still that "the vast majority of young people are likely to marry at least once in their life".

Rising divorce rates mean many young people have grown up in a "divorcing society" which has made the young sceptical of marriage. "But there is, as yet, no evidence of a strong movement against marriage."

The young are in less of a hurry to get married, and an increase in cohabitation may mean they will postpone marriage until they are ready to have children.

Toothache halts police killing trial

A woman juror's toothache held up the trial at the Central Criminal Court yesterday of two men accused of murdering Det Con John Fordham.

During the lunch adjournment the woman sent Mr Justice Caulfield a note saying that she was suffering from very severe toothache.

She and the other 11 jurors had been considering their verdicts for just over a day.

Kenneth Noye, aged 37, of Hollywood Cottage, West Kingsdown, Kent, and Brian Reader, aged 45, of Winn Road, Grove Park, south-east London, have denied murdering Det Con Fordham

Last night the jury was sent to a hotel after failing to continue conisdering its verdicts.

Girl's sex claims rubbish, head says

The headmaster accused of having sexual relations with a schoolgirl in her dormitory described her claims yesterday as "total rubbish".

Mr Michael Bettsworth, aged 42, said he was "utterly flabbergasted" when governors of the grammar school near Truro, Cornwall, launched an investigation.

He rejected a series of sexual claims and told the jury at Bodmin Crown Court that sometimes the girls knew more about sex then he did.

The father of three sons, who has been married for 19 years, denies two offences of having sex with Miss X when she was aged 14 and 15, and two offences of indecent assault, on Miss X and another girl.

Mr Justice Stuart-Smith said the jury would be directed to return a not guilty verdict on the indecent assault on the other girl because of lack of evidence.

Miss X, described by the prosecution as a "Lolita" and "no angel", claimed Mr Bettsworth had sexual relations with her five times in her dormitory at the school and oral sex once in his study.

His counsel, Mr Peter Weitzman, QC, has suggested that Miss X had a "crush" on Mr Bettsworth and made the stories up to gain attention.

Mr Bettsworth dismissed allegations of a relationship with Miss X as "girls' gossip" and said he told the school governors he had "too much to drink" to have had oral sex with Miss X on the night she alleged it happened.

The trial continues today.

Dead child social workers cleared

By Craig Seton

Social workers who returned Gemma Hartwell, aged 22 months to her father only two weeks before he killed her are cleared of blame in a report published yesterday.

Phillip Hartwell, aged 30, who had two previous convictions for battering small girls, including his daughter aged 19 days by a previous marriage, was sent to prison for 10 years for manslaughter at Birmingham Crown Court last month.

A panel of councillors from Birmingham social services committee, investigated the procedures used by the social services department

In its report published yesterday the panel said no disciplinary action was called for, and considered that each judgement in the case was made in a responsible manner.

- There will be no disciplinary action against the health visitor who was criticized severely for her role in the Jasmine Beckford child battering case, Brent Health Authority has decided.

Yeng Leong was rebuked in the inquiry report for failing to monitor the child's weight and for consistently believing the parents' excuses.

The authority has decided that she should undergo six months' close supervision.

Robberies up by 10% in a year

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent

Robberies in England and Wales increased by 10 per cent in the twelve months to September, according to a Home Office Statistical Bulletin on recorded crime issued yesterday.

The bigest change, however, a 22 per cent rise, was in "other notifiable offences". The increase was due to a rise in the number of recorded offences of drug trafficking, from 6,000 to 7,500, the bulletin reports.

It compares crime figures for the year ending September with the corresponding twelve months to September 1984. Overall there was a 5 per cent increase in offences recorded.

Thefts from shops were up by 16 per cent, from 241,500 to 279,600, and thefts of motor vehicles by 10 per cent from 333,500 to 365,200.

Burglary in non-residential buildings rose by 2 per cent, there were 9 per cent more thefts from the person.

Home Office Statistical Bulletin: Notifiable offences recorded by the police in England and Wales – third quarter 1985. £1.50, from Statistical Department, Home Office, Tolworth Tower, Surbiton, Surrey.

Du Cann theft

Property worth thousands of pounds, including silver and china, was stolen yesterday from the home in Wellington, Somerset, of Sir Edward du Cann, MP for Taunton.

Bad summer causes rise in barley imports

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

Last summer's poor harvest, particularly in Scotland, has caused British imports of malting barley so far this year to increase by 300 per cent on last year. According to the Home-grown Cereals Authority, imports to November 26 were 63,700 tonnes, compared with 16,400 tonnes in the same period of 1984.

The barley crop in Scotland was badly damaged by relentless rain throughout the harvest period, the Authority reports. The shortage of malting barley in the region has been largely made up by imports from France and Denmark.

But although barley production in the EEC as a whole is down by about 7 per cent on last year's record level there is still an overall costly and embarrassing surplus in intervention storage.

- Farmers organizations have asked the Chancellor of the Exchequer for tax concessions to help them over a period in which they expect a sharp decline in incomes.

The National Farmers Unions of England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland have requested wider reliefs from capital gains tax for farmers who have to sell assets, including land, to raise funds for their businesses.

Chalker wants more fog detectors on motorways

Automatic fog detectors, which actuate warning signs on motorways, may be installed more widely, Mrs Lynda Chalker, the Transport Minister, said yesterday.

Her statement came after publication of a detailed weather study of the 121-mile M25 around London, which was ordered from the Meteorological Office after nine people died in a multiple pile-up in fog a year ago.

Fog detection equipment has already been installed at a few motorway areas, including the Mole Valley section of the M25 near Leatherhead, Surrey.

"We are considering how best to extend the use of fog detectors, not-just to ther parts of the M25, but to fog-prone areas of other motorways," Mrs Chalker said.

"Technology has not yet reached the stage at which we can make the fog disperse, so we can only warn drivers to expect it ahead."

The report identifies 30 areas on the M25 that are prone to mist and fog, reducing visibility to 100 metres.

Mrs Chalker said that new "matrix" warning signs would be installed on the M25 to warn of fog and other dangers by the end of 1987, a year ahead of schedule. Additional lighting would also be installed if it can be proved to be "economically and environmentally feasible".

5 for trial over party death

Five of the seven men charged with murdering Richard Baker, aged 17, a student, at an end-of-term party in Raynes Park, south-west London, on July 27 were committed for trial in custody to the Central Criminal Court by magistrates at Lambeth yesterday.

John Bernard McLaughlin, aged 23, of Botsford Road, Wimbledon Chase, and Lester James Finch, aged 23, of Martin Way, Morden, both south-west London, who were acquitted of murder, were committed for trial in custody charged with making an affray.

The five charged with murder are David Bannister, aged 21, of Martin Way, Morden; John Egan, aged 21, of Haynt Walk, Wimbledon; Dean Harris, aged 21, of St Helier Avenue, Morden; Liam McLaughlin, aged 21, of Watford Road and Gary Thatcher, aged 22, of Claremont Avenue, New Malden, all south-west London.

Three others were committed for trial on unconditional bail, charged with impeding apprehension.

Concorde to fly around the world

By Our Transport Editor

A Concorde will fly round the world for the first time in November next year, British Airways announced yesterday.

The 25,000-mile journey will involve only 31 hours' flying time, the fastest commercial trip around the world, but stops at New York, San Francisco, Hawaii, Hong Kong, Bali, and Cairo will lengthen the journey to 15 days.

The 100 passengers will stay at luxury hotels on the way without paying a penny: the trip is financed by Imperial Tobacco at a cost of more than £1 million as "the ultimate prize" in a New Year competition by Players cigarettes.

Captain Brian Walpole, head of British Airways' Concorde division, said yesterday that he had been pressed for many years to make a round-the-world trip in Concorde but had waited until British Airways was ready on matters such as airport clearance

Child killing jury told of hairs clue

By Rupert Morris

The man accused of the murder of Leonie Darnley, aged 7, told police he had visited the south London estate where her body was found in July last year several times previously, and on more than one occasion had "run around naked" there, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

Hairs matching those of Patrick Reilly, aged 23, of Anson Road, Tufnell Park, north London, were found on the girls body, and fragments of arcylic fibre matching his jacket were found on her dress, the jury heard.

Mr Reilly pleads not guilty to murder.

Miss Anne Goddard, QC, for the prosecution, told the jury of 10 men and two women that while they might not find either fact conclusive by itself, they might find the combination had "a strength that rules out coincidence".

Leonie Darnley, Miss Goddard said, was a coloured girl just four feet tall, who was able to jump up to press the lift button at her home in Atkinson House, on the Battersea Park estate. It was in the lift that Leonie may have met her killer on July 24, 1984.

She was last seen alive at about 4pm following some way behind her mother in the direction of Atkinson House. Later that evening, her naked body was discovered

Her throat had been cut. Traces of semen and seminal fluid on the body and dress showed that this was "a sex murder", Miss Goddard said.

She went on to describe how police had noticed three "golden brown" hairs on the back of her head. These were subsequently found to be "microscopically similar" to Reilly's body hairs.

The trial continues today.

Small claim procedure examined

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

A full-scale study of the small claims procedure in the county courts of England and Wales, which deals with disputes involving £500 or less, is to be conducted by the Lord Chancellor's Department.

The study, to be assisted by the management consultants Touche Ross, is part of the wide-ranging civil justice review which was started in February this year.

The review was launched by the Lord Chancellor to identify reforms that would cut delays, the cost and the complexity of civil litigation.

Since the small claims procedure was started in 1973, its use for claims over defective goods and services, or disputed debts, has grown steadily.

Last year the 285 county courts handled more than 47,000 cases, a 60 per cent increase in small claims business since 1981. The total sum involved was about £10 million.

Two die in fire

Joanna Mangan, aged two, and her brother Carlos, aged six months, died yesterday when fire broke out in the bedroom of their home at Gatehouse Avenue, Bishopsworth, Bristol.

Hoard found

A hoard of up to 60,000 bronze Roman coins has been found at Owmby by Spittal, north of Lincoln, by a man using a metal detector, it was disclosed yesterday.

Window repair

Restoration of the fifteenth century rose window in Durham Cathedral has been completed after three years of work

Water meter law urged

By Hugh Clayton
Environment Correspondent

Legal powers to compel householders to switch to metered water supplies and pay for the change were proposed yesterday by a joint government and water industry report.

It called for an early move from the present voluntary metering system to compulsory metering of households, and emphasized the importance of curtailing the power of householders to challenge the change-over in court.

The investigation was ordered last year because many ministers, including the Prime Minister, were convinced that the system of charging for water was antiquated and abused.

Charges for supplying pure water and disposing of sewage are calculated according to rateable values, and not the amount of water used. The use of meters means that customers are charged for all the water they use, including any that leaks from their underground mains.

WATER SUPPLIES

	% share of total	% of national total metered
Households	54	less than 1
Manufacturing	27	25
Service industries	14	8
Farming	4	3
Others	†	0

Source: Joint study of water metering.

The Government's enthusiasm for metering was signalled by the appointment of Mr Roy Watts, chairman of the Thames Water Authority and one of the industry's keenest advocates of meters, to head the investigation.

But his group's report, which identified many obstacles to full-scale metering, received a notably cautious welcome from the Government. "We shall legislate at the earliest suitable opportunity to make progress possible", Mr John Patten, a Minister of State at the Department of the Environment, said. "I shall work out with the industry a programme of follow-up action."

The investigators said that the key question was not whether metering was justified but why it had not been done already. "This group has started from the belief that people should pay for what they get."

Only about 74,000 of almost 19 million British households had water meters, and it would not be worth widening their installation until EEC rules were changed to make approved meters more suitable for British conditions, they said.

Water was so cheap that the power needed to boil a full kettle cost 15 times as much as the water. Although metering might bring only small cuts in water bills, it would probably cut household demand by more than a tenth.

The report called for a pilot scheme to test meters in three towns before moving to "a major extension of domestic metering in the near future, including general metering of some areas".

Joint Study of Water Metering (Stationery Office; £5.85).

The last time Parliament passed an Act controlling live animal experiments, Benjamin Disraeli was Prime Minister.



This session, the Government is introducing new legislation to replace the obsolete Cruelty to Animals Act, which has lain unaltered in the statute book for 109 years.

A lot of water has passed under Westminster Bridge since 1876. And a lot of changes will be necessary if real improvements are to be made in the protection of laboratory animals in today's world. The RSPCA has placed before the Home Secretary the controls it wishes to see imposed.

It is a long list. Yet it represents the very minimum measures the RSPCA is prepared to accept in what has to be a continuing process of reform. While animal experiments are allowed to continue, the Government's primary responsibility must be to remove pain, suffering and distress. Any legislation that fails to do this will be unacceptable to the RSPCA. The new law must have teeth.

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Militant accused of trying to break local government

LIVERPOOL

It was necessary to look beyond the chaos Mr Derek Hatton and his colleagues had brought to Liverpool and decide what should happen when the left wing no longer governed the city, Lord Harris of Greenwich (SDP) said in opening a debate in the House of Lords on the position in Liverpool arising out of the actions of the city council.

I say to the Government (he said) that the successors to Mr Hatton and his colleagues will face a series of massive problems. Not only will they have the difficulty of getting rid of the Marxist sidesmen recruited by Mr Hatton onto the payroll, they will also have the formidable task of rebuilding confidence in the city and dealing with the reconstruction of the council finances which has been made more difficult by the way loans have been raised with a number of Swiss banking institutions.

Lord Boloff (C) said the bankers of *Zurich were not philanthropists and* would have regarded the loans to Liverpool as a suitable way of *investing. But what gave them that* confidence? It was improbable they would regard the public assets of *Liverpool, the housing, town hall* and recreation grounds as useful if the loan were to be foreclosed.

The suspicion one has (he said) is that the Swiss bankers believe that no British government is going to *allow the repudiation of a debt* by an ancient and famous British city. In spite of the disclaimer by Mr *Kenneth Baker*, Secretary of State for the Environment, of any responsibility for this transaction there is believd to be an implied guarantee of this loan. If that is so, it is extremely damaging for this country's credit in the world at large.

Because is was necessary to see that public money was being properly spent it might be necessary in Liverpool and other areas to look at something different from the traditional assumption that a locally-elected council could be trusted to do the job.

Lord Dean of Beswick (Lab) said what has happened in Liverpool was *not his idea of democratic socialism* but the question to be asked was how Militant Tendency had grown *in the way it had. The answer lay in* what had happened to the city as a result of Government policies which had allowed militants to capitalize on the situation.

He was totally opposed to what the Militants were trying to do in Liverpool. The gravest charge he could make against them was that they had destroyed the reputation of Labour leaders of local authorities.

What they are trying to do in Liverpool (he added) is a recipe for disaster if anybody else is thinking of taking the same course. Manchester is moving towards the same situation.

If they have any ideas of pursuing the same policies as Liverpool the only people harmed will be the ratepayers, the elderly, the young people and my party. I say to them – forget it and get on with governing the city with some credibility to yourselves and the party.

The Government had a lot to answer for and should be ashamed of itself for withdrawing resources from such areas.

Lord Crawshaw of Aintree (SDP) said what poers were debating was nothing more or less than the hijacking of a party and a city.

These are evil people (he said) who, when there is no oil in the schools, pay off the bailiffs with £10,000 to buy back their limousines. It is the circumstances that breed these people. Liverpool was chosen because of the deprivation. No society can live in peace and security when one or two aspects of *that society are facing deprivation.*

If half of what the leader of Liverpool Council had recently said was true, then criminal charges should be brought against Militant.

Lord Graham of Edmonton (Lab) said he was a former leader of a London borough council. He had every confidence not only that Mr Kinnock intended to do his duty by the party and city of Liverpool and Labour voters, but that the Labour leadership collectively throughout the country recognized that there was a situation which they did not like, which could be electorally damaging and which they intended to try to put right.

Lord Sefton of Garston (Lab), a former leader of Liverpool City Council, said *The Mirror* and sometimes *The Daily Telegraph* and other papers and the media generally made Mr Hatton. Liverpool because of its history was a special case. It had difficulties *experienced by no other city. What* the South-East considered hardship was normal living on Merseyside.



Dean: Councillors should get on with governing city

The threat came not from the Militants but from the festering sore left for them to batten onto. They were able to persuade moderate people that they were not being treated right.

Lord Monkswell (Lab) said what had happened in Liverpool could happen in many of the large cities. *The time had come for the* Government to recognize the agony of people in urban areas.

Lord Winstanley (L) said action should be taken to prevent parties, of what ever persuasion, being used by individuals not to promote the needs of the party, but their own individual ends.

Lord David, for the Opposition, said the Labour Party totally condemned any council if it acted illegally and greatly regretted the obstinacy and folly of a council which postponed the production of a balanced budget. It should be emphasized that the Government bore a significant share of responsibility.

Lord Elton, Minister of State for the environment, said there were *lessons to be learnt, from the* shumbles that had been created and for the Labour Party they were *momentous.*

The Militants had used their office, they had used the machinery of local authority, they had used their workers and they had used the citizens of Liverpool.

They have used them *all* cynically, coldly and without pity (he said) in a calculated attempt to break the system of local government finance

Their clear political aim (he continued) to which they subordinated all else, was to break the system of government set up by a democratic Parliament. That is a threat too serious to ignore or forget.

Whether or not Liverpool now decides to abide by the rules (he said) we can none of us afford to forget what it was they tried to do. The lesson does not only apply to Liverpool. The Militants infiltrated the plant through the roots until the whole plant was infested and bore a grotesque fruit.

We must hope that other plants will be inspected to see what is happening before they come to fruit.

Scottish row over steel plants

GARTCOSH

Much ado about no report from the Select Committee on Scottish Affairs had its impact before, during and after *Scottish question time* in the Commons.

In the morning the Scottish Select *Committee decided not to make or* present a report to the House on the proposed closure of the Gartcosh steel finishing mill. Whether or not that has any impact on the future of the Ravenscraig mill is part of the controversy and there were early questions on the Commons order paper embracing the whole issue.

There were widespread complaints from Labour MPs about the conduct of Conservative members of the select committee while Mr Gordon Wilson (Dundee, East, SNP) after protests from Conservatives and a request from the Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) withdrew a reference to "Quisling-like behaviour".

During the exchanges, Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Scotland, made clear there was no proposal to close Ravenscraig. He had not made any assessment of the annual economic effects on Scottish steel users that would result from closure of the plant.

Before questions began, Mr Tom Clarke (Monklands West, Lab) said he had been told the committees had decided not to report to the house. He asked if he could refer to this when MPs reached the questions which referred to Gartcosh and Ravenscraig.

The Speaker replied that what happened in a select committee could not be discussed until after it *had reported. The questions on the* order paper went wider and Mr Clarke would be in order to raise the *issue, provided he did not refer to* what happened in the committee.

Mr Donald Dewar, chief Opposition spokesman on Scottish Affairs, said there was a rumour, and he would put it no further than that.

In a situation where a committee decided not to report, did that mean MPs were still barred from raising this? If there was going to be no report, were MPs not entitled to *refer to the circumstances that there* would be no report?

Mr Barry Henderson (North East Fife, C) said whether or not the committee reported to the House, the discussions which took place during those deliberations were private.

The Speaker: That is what I said. But that is not to say these matters cannot be discussed.

Mr David Lambie (Cunninghame South, Lab), chairman of the Select Committee: The committee decided to publish the minutes of its proceedings but not to issue a report. Surely we will look fools if the press are discussing this in Scotland and we, who are directly responsible for *that decision, are not allowed to* comment?

The Speaker said he could not reconsider this because it was a matter of fact. It was perfectly possible for the committee to decide to publish its minutes.

After Mr Younger had made his comments Dr Jeremy Bray (Motherwell South, Lab) went on: Whatever he has been up to behind the scenes has been extremely damaging to the future of Cartcosh and Ravenscraig and the credibility of the Government. A mass of detailed evidence was submitted to the select committee on the future of Gartcosh and the dependence of Ravenscraig upon it.

The committee has been running away from the issue at the behest of the Tories. Will he undertake to make a proper examination of all the evidence that was submitted to that committee?

Mr Younger: I am awaiting the views of the select committee.

Mr Alex Fletcher (Edinburgh Central, C): The closure of Ravenscraig in the foreseeable future would have a damaging effect on British steel users, steel exports and the Trident submarine building programme.

Mr Younger: He is right about that. Those are some of the points which led the Government to decide that Ravenscraig should not be closed in the present planning period.

Mr Dewar: It is our unanimous view that Gartcosh should be offered at the very least an equivalent guarantee to that given to Ravenscraig of which it is part. It is the firm belief of the vast majority of Scots that this should be done. He will *ignore that at his peril.*

May we have an assurance that ministers have at least not closed *their minds to that possibility?*

Mr Younger: I note what he has said. I can make no comment on *what has or has not been decided by* the select committee of which I am not a member.

On Gartcosh, I have received a large amount of evidence and expressions of view from all sorts of people. I am evaluating these and other views carefully before any final comment is made.

Mr William Walker (Tayside North, C) said that whatever happened in the select committee, it could only make recommendations and if MPs from various parties could not make up their minds the committee could not make recommendations.

The decision by Mr Younger and colleagues to keep Ravenscraig open for three years was a deliberate policy decision put into effect and when the time came for that to be reviewed it would again be a political decision.

Mr Lamble said that in the select committee he had attempted to reach some compromise which he had thought was acceptable to Tory members on it.

However (he went on) we have reached a decision that no report is going to be published. Has the Secretary of State had any say in the *decision that was reached by the* Tory members of the committee? Did he interfere?

The Speaker: I now understand that the minutes of the committee are to be published today. Once that order has been given, it is in order for the minutes to be referred to.

Mr Younger: As chairman of the select committee, Mr Lamble is the person responsible to the House for its conduct. *I have had nothing* whatever to do with events in the select committee. If and when the select committee produces any views, I look forward to reading them.

Mr Gordon Wilson: Despite the bungling political ineptitude in the *select committee this morning* and because of the Quisling-like behaviour of some committee members – (loud Conservative protests) – would the minister take the lead...

The Speaker: We never refer to each *other here as quislings. He should* use another word.

Mr Wilson: If reference to that good Norwegian expression is not allowed, could I substitute the word "treachery"? (Renewed protests).



Lambie: Committee decided to publish its minutes

The Speaker: Just as bad.

Mr Wilson asked if he could substitute the word "treacherous".

The Speaker: It is important in these highly charged matters that we keep the temperature down. Will he use a more acceptable word?

Mr Wilson: Yes, in deference to Mr Speaker's views, but not concealing my own, I do withdraw that term.

Mr Younger said this was a matter for the select committee chairman.

Mr George Robertson (Hamilton, Lab) said there was a sense of betrayal, dismay and anger in West Scotland today when people realized that some Tory MPs had sold them out.

Mr Younger said that Mr Robertson was not on the select committee, so he did not know how Mr Robertson knew that.

After question time, Mr Gavin Strang (Edinburgh, East, Lab) said: Mr Speaker, your ruling is correct and all MPs understand that *notwithstanding the enormity of the* repercussions, because of the act of sabotage by Scottish Tory MPs we *cannot discuss it. However, you said* that the minutes of that disastrous decision are being published today.

Were the minutes published at 3.30 pm and, if so, can we discuss it?

The Speaker: I did not know that the minutes were published. If they were published, it was in order to refer to them during question time. That is why I corrected my earlier ruling.

Mr Harry Ewing (Falkirk, East, Lab): Would you consider the wider implications of what has happened? It is well known that there have been intractable problems inside the Scottish Conservative Group.

The Speaker: I do not know that and it is not a matter for me.

Mr Ewing: Such outside influences now seem to have effected the work *of the Scottish select committee.* The price of settling that dispute has been the jobs of 700 steel workers at *Gartcosh.*

Mr Nicholas Fairbairn (Perth and Kinross, C): You said that the minutes of the proceedings of the Scottish select committee had been ordered to be printed. They were not ordered to be printed by the select committee.

The vote not to have a report was by a majority of those in the Opposition who voted. If the report *is only by a vote by the Opposition,* can you advise me by whose order the minute which contain the report which was to be annulled, are to be published?

The Speaker: I hope I was not misled. I understood from the chairman of the committee that the *minutes had been ordered to be* printed today.

Mr Fairbairn: With respect, that was done and if it is suggested by the chairman that he has ordered them *to be published, may I have you* ruling that they should not be?

The Speaker: In that case, I was in error and my earlier statement should have stood.

Commentary



Geoffrey Smith

Has this week's economic news transformed the political landscape? A few days ago it looked as if today's debate in the House of Commons on the Chancellor's Autumn Statement would be an occasion for Conservative self-congratulation. When Mr Lawson delivered the statement a month ago it received much applause. Conservative morale rose in Parliament and in the country.

Not surprisingly, as the Chancellor was offering the prospect of tax cuts while spending more on health, housing and roads. At the same time he was claiming that public expenditure was altogether being kept broadly flat in real terms.

So no really painful choices were required, after all. The country was being told that it could have sin and salvation, which is not a bad recipe for political success.

The only critical question for today's debate seemed to be how soon interest rates could be cut. But the sudden drop in oil prices has changed all that. Mrs Thatcher has ruled out the possibility of lower interest rates for the time being, and nobody is seriously pressing for such a decision now.

If oil prices continue to fall sharply, even the Government's cherished tax cuts may be put in jeopardy. That will depend upon delicate economic calculations based upon the relative movements of oil and sterling. But what would be the political consequence of having to forego the tax cuts?

No magic in tax cuts

I have no doubt that a lower level of personal taxation would be in the long-term national interest. No single step could do more to encourage the spirit of enterprise about which so much is rightly heard these days. But the influence would not be felt overnight. Social attitudes do not change that *quickly, and I question whether* the incentive effect of lower taxes would have much impact on economic performance before the next election.

Nor is there any evidence that the electorate would prefer tax reductions to spending more on public services. Tax cuts do not for the moment seem to have a magical political attraction.

But the appeal of the Autumn Statement was that it offered both lower taxes and more spending on some of the most sensitive public programmes. A policy of modest *reflation could indeed exercise* its charms upon the voters in good time for the next election.

If these hopes had to be dashed, and the country had to be told that it was back to the hair shirt for a few more years, then it would be a more serious matter politically than simply the loss of tax cuts. If the explanations were not convincing, it might be taken as evidence that Thatcherite economies were not working after all.

It would be a mistake, though, to attribute too much political importance to the *Autumn Statement. Conservative* fortunes have certainly improved significantly over the past few months. Moral on the backbenches has been transformed from the neurotic gloom that characterised the Conservative parliamentary party *before the summer recess. But* while the Chancellor's statement strengthened the favourable trend, it did not create it.

MPs seek import ban on French turkeys

AGRICULTURE

A plea from both sides of the House for a ban on the importation of French turkeys for Christmas in retaliation for the French ban on British sheep meat was rejected in the Commons by Mr Michael Jopling, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, who was making a statement on the meeting of the Council of Agricultural Ministers of the European Community on December 9 and 10.

He said he could not be expected to announce in the Commons he was taking illegal steps. However, he had told the French the measures they were taking were intolerable and should be rejected forthwith. He was also bearing in mind the possibility of referring the matter to the European Court.

A state of near trade war existed between France and Britain over the *ewe trade, Mr Brynmor John*, chief Opposition spokesman on agriculture, said. He asked Mr Jopling if he *had raised this at the meeting* because of the severe effects it would have on British sheep *farmers.*

Mr Jopling: I share is concern about the way in which our ewe meat exports are being hindered in France. I had the opportunity of discussing this with my French counterpart and told him I believed the measures being taken were intolerable and ought to be lifted forthwith.

Mr Colin Shepherd (Hereford, C): Will he pursue with the greatest possible vigour the question of the ewe trade because it is essential the confidence of sheep producers be sustained.

Mr Jopling: I will undertake to take the most vigorous steps to ensure the present hindrance to ewe meat trade is lifted.

Mr Robin Maxwell Hyslop (Tiverton, C): On representations made to the French Government about the wholly illegal ban on sheep meat, he has not told us what the French minister replied. What did he reply? Did Mr Jopling say he will impose a ban on French turkey which will remain unless and until the ban on sheep meat is removed?

Mr Jopling: The French minister told me he had a message from the Commission telling him that in the view of the Commission these steps that were being taken were illegal and he told me he would be replying within two days. That takes us to today, so I shall be very interested to hear what reply is given and I hope *these illegal steps will be stopped.*

Mr Richard Livsey (Brecon and Radnor, L) said if Mr Jopling did no get satisfaction he would have Alliance support in taking the matter to the European Court because the obduracy of the French Government was not in the spirit of the European Community.



Maxwell-Hyslop: Illegal French ban on sheep meat

Mr Jopling: One of the things we have in mind is the possibility of referring the matter to the Court.

Sir Geoffrey Johnson-Smith (Wealden, C): If the French continue to ban exports of British sheep meat to their country he may come under increasing pressure from our own farmers to ban the import of French turkeys, particulary for Christmas.

Massive state spending not the answer

INNER CITIES

The Government had responded to reports on inner city deprivation *with abuse, insults and even* trickery, Dr John Cunningham, chief Opposition spokesman on the environment, *said in opening the* Commons debate on the housing crisis and urban deprivation.

Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Environment, maintained that to launch out now on a huge programme of new council building would not deal with the problem. That had been tried. This year £2,500 million would be spent by councils on refurbishment, maintenance and repairs and he would like to see more spent.

Dr Cunningham said that having *had the report of the Archbishop of* Canterbury's commission *Faith in the City* for at least 10 days before *publication, Tory ministers* had cynically connived in breaking the embargo with the sole intention of *discrediting the report and many* distinguished members of the commission. There had been as *much media discussion of alleged* Marxism and other puerile insults as about the constructive work by *honourable people.*

Mr Baker, in a number of criticisms of the report, said it gave the impression of lumping together all the people who lived in the inner city and describing them as poor. This was palpably not true. No attempt was made to distinguish absolute from relative poverty. Not being as well off as one's neighbour was put in the same category as destitution.

Massive state spending was not a revolutionary proposal. It did not break new ground. The plough follows the predetermined furrow (he commented).

Mr Cunningham moved an Opposition motion demanding new initiatives to regenerate cities and urban areas and asking the Government to reverse the reduction in rate support grant and investment in housing.

He said yesterday's *planning* dreams and bureaucrats' housing units were today's nightmares for *millions of families.* But inner city problems rapidly got worse because of the deliberately calculated and *sustained policies of the Govern*ment.

Comparing 1978-79 with the current fiscal year at constant prices, the London borough of Hackney received £3.5 million more in urban programme resources but had lost £65.8 million in rate support grant and housing subsidy. Hackney was classified by this Government as the most deprived urban borough in England.

Manchester had a combined loss in RSG and housing subsidy of £181.9 compared to a gain of £3.7 million; Birmingham, a loss of £214.5 million and a gain of £3.4 million; Newcastle upon Tyne, a loss of £101.9 million and a gain of £3.4 million. The record was the same for virtually all city and urban authorities.

These authorities have (he said) had to cope with such cuts year on year for six consecutive, Conservative years of government. How dare ministers claim they are concentrating resources on those communities most in need? Such claims are a deception, frankly a lie.

We certainly agree that throwing money at problems is an inefficient use of precious public resources, but taking money away from the inner cities, the under-privileged and the poor and ladling it into the hands of high income earners is an obsceuity.

There must be a longer term strategy which brought resources back to the inner cities. But central government action must not be an *excuse to undermine or bypass* democratically elected local councils.

Central to a new strategy should be a commitment to full employment. In combating poverty they must also address the problems of black people.

Police forces were critical to life in the inner cities. Yet the bobby's lot was not a happy one.

In the Metropolitan Police, 3,000 had been injured in assaults in a year and that meant at one in seven were so injured. It was a dangerous and difficult job.

Recruitment of ethnic police had been deplorable and that was not for lack of applicants. The Com*missioner had said he was reluctant* to lower standards. (Conservative cheers). He did not have to do that, *but should be more imaginative in* recruitment and alte the grotesquely unrepresentative nature of the urban police force.

The existing machinery of government in Whitehall and at *local level seemed ill-equiped to* tackle the vast problems of urban and inner city areas. They perhaps needed a minister for the inner cities.

Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Environment, moved the Government amendment supporting Government policy of targeting public expenditure more effectively towards areas of greatest need. It welcomed increased home ownership and called on local authorities to act responsibly.

The answer in the Church of England report was a collectivist solution. The local council was essentially the saviour of the city. The report failed to recognize public expenditure could only be a part in dealing with the cities' problems. It also failed to recognize that injudicious public expenditure, rather than a solution, had often become a cause of the problem.

The report undervalued the contribution the individual could make to improve his condition. The Opposition was calling for more spending by the municipal authorities. What good would more money do for Councillor Stringer in Manchester, Councillor Grant of Haringey, Councillor Knight of Lambeth and Councillor Hatton of Liverpool? (Labour interruptions)

These councils had built those appalling estates in the 1960s and 1970s. Social engineers and planners over the last 30 years – some of them prompted by central Government of both parties – had sold the country a whole lot of quack remedies to deal with the problems *of the inner cities and did not stay* around to watch the patient die.

He would like to see a break-up in the management and *ownership of* large estates. The report recognized the importance of this. That is why the Government would be introducing a Bill to allow housing management to be passed to tenants' trusts, co-operatives or housing associations.

The report also recognized the success of the Priority Estates Project which had shown that localized housing management, through tenant involvement, could help to reduce crime, bring down rent arrears and fill empty properties.

The Government wanted to help *councils dispose of council estates,* some for sale and some for mixed renting and private ownership.

We should not underestimate (he said) the importance of home ownership in dealing with the problems of the cities. I do not believe the report gives enough weight to this. It strikes a very deep chord in people to own their own homes.

That is why the right to buy is so important; that is why in our housing Bill this session we will be increasing the discount for tenants of council flats by 10 per cent across the board.

Home ownership and the right to buy represent a major transfer of wealth from the municipal landlord to individual families.

There had been a huge improvement in the appearance of many cities. Rate support grant had been reduced, but for the whole country.

He was surprised that all the Church report's recommendations were made to institutions and none to individuals. Yet the very basis of the Christian teaching was that grace flowed through individuals and not through institutions.

Central and local government had a role to play in helping the inner cities. But if the role of the individual and the family, the role of self help were to be undervalued the problems of the inner cities would get worse.

Parents want no strike deal for teachers

EDUCATION

Parents now required that any outcome to the teachers' dispute would cover not merely pay but include a guarantee that schools could not be disrupted in future at no cost to the teachers, Mr George Younger, the Secretary of State for Scotland, told the Commons.

During question time exchanges, Mr Younger reminded MPs that he had already proposed two initiatives to solve the dispute and both had been rejected. It was time someone else had a shot at it.

Mr Dennis Canavan (Falkirk, West, Lab): Is he oblivious to the fact that last Thursday's strike affected virtually every school in Scotland?

Mr Younger: More and more of the letters we are getting from parents are saying: "Why can there not be some solution which includes ensuring that this sort of nonsense can never happen again?"

Mr Michael Forsyth (Stirling, C): The problem with this dispute is that the victims have no votes and no say in the matter, and the teachers have conducted it at minimum cost to themselves.

If the employers will not act against the teachers, will Mr Younger consider taking powers?

Mr Younger: I do not have the power to take such action

Mr Harry Ewing, an Opposition spokesman on Scotland: Has Mr Younger been attending these meetings of Viscount Whitelaw (Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House of Lords), Sir Keith Joseph (Secretary of State for Education and Science) and the Prime Minister)?

Mr Younger: I am involved in all meetings about teachers' disputes

He added that he would deplore an all-out strike by teachers but at least that would commit teachers in that they would have to suffer financial penalties themselves.

Management agrees to early meeting with teachers on pay

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

The management side in the teachers' pay dispute agreed yesterday to meet the unions as soon as possible for informal talks which could pave the way to a settlement of the 10-month dispute.

Mrs Nicky Harrison, chairman of the Labour-dominated management panel, emphasized that the financial position of local authorities had not changed at all since they made their last offer of 6.9 per cent, staged so that teachers would get 7.5 per cent by the end of next March. If anything, it had got worse, she said.

Talks are expected to take place before Christmas, probably next week. At that meeting the management is prepared to talk about reinstating its last offer and Mrs Harrison said any offer would be conditional on the teachers' industrial action being called off.

Mrs Harrison did not rule out an improvement in the last offer, but she said that the teachers' panel proposal that this year's settlement should be "interim" was unacceptable.

If the Government was minded to announce an inquiry into teachers' pay or conditions, she said, she wished it would do so quickly.

Management asked for a Royal Commission to look at salary structure, conditions of service and negotiating machinery in October.

● A group of Cabinet ministers, led by Lord Whitelaw, leader of the Lords, is to report to the Prime Minister next week on the teachers' dispute,

The ministers, including Mr Norman Tebbit, the Conservative Party chairman, Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Scotland, and Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science, have been considering setting up an inquiry into teachers' long-term problems.

● Teachers taking industrial *action should carry on with* examination preparation if it is part of the normal day's work, the NUT and the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers said yesterday.

Scots universities call

Scotland's eight universities should no longer be funded through the University Grants *Committee and should instead* be financed directly by the Scottish Office, according to the first report of the Scottish Tertiary Education Advisory Council.

A new body should be established to supervise the whole of higher education in Scotland, it proposes, in what is effectively a declaration of independence by Scottish universities.

Universities would require guarantees in any new funding system that their share of university money would not decline and that they would continue to receive Research Council funds, the report says.

The report, which is likely to provoke a bitter debate, further proposes that the Scottish teacher training colleges should be reduced to four, and teacher training at Stirling University should be reviewed. The 13 technological institutions in Scotland should be brought under the umbrella of a new Scottish Institute of Technology.

Shaking aid helps bones to heal

By Thomson Prentice
Science Correspondent

Accident victims are being offered the hope of quicker treatment thanks to a "bone-shaker" metal frame which helps fractures to mend faster than they would in plaster casts.

Doctors believe the device will reduce the healing time of *some serious leg fractures by as* much as 20 per cent.

More than 100 patients are testing the latest version of the device in a group of English hospitals.

A spring-loaded mechanism, linked to a compressor, gently vibrates the broken bone ends through the frame, which is *pinned directly to the limb.* The effect is to stimulate new cell growth.

Early in treatment, patients can "go for a walk" without leaving their beds, as the device supplies movement similar to walking.

As the patient gets to his feet, the frame provides controlled movement to the fracture. The patient is allowed home with the frame, and there is less danger of muscle wastage.



The 'bone-shaker' frame, which stimulates cell growth and works faster than plaster cast treatment.

Some patients have gone swimming or jogging during recovery, although doctors do not encourage that early in the process.

The pulsating version of the frame has been developed by the teamwork of a surgeon, Mr John Kenwright, and an engineer, Mr Derek Harris, both of the Nuffield orthopaedic centre, Oxford, and a veterinary surgeon, Dr Allen Goodship, of Bristol University veterinary school, who specializes in bone-healing techniques.

One patient trying the device, Miss Sue Marshall, aged 24, of Bristol, said: "I have no hesitation in recommending it. I am hoping to be back at work about three months after my accident."

Mirror was unfair to Camden

The Mirror should have offered to publish a reply from the London Borough of Camden after it had been criticized by Anne Robinson, the columnist, the Press Council says in a ruling published today.

The council upholds the complaint of Mr Frank Nickson, Camden's chief executive, that inaccurate and unfounded remarks on the case of a child, aged two, found wandering alone on Hampstead Heath *when he should have been in* the care of council day nursery staff, reflected misleadingly and unfairly on councillors.

Mr Michael Molloy, then editor of the newspaper, refused a request by Councillor Alan Woods, chairman of Camden's social services committee, that he publish an apology for Miss Robinson's use of the incident to make a political attack on Camden.

The Press Council's adjudication was that it was unfair to link criticism of the case of the boy with a general attack on Camden council and its politics, and "this general and severe attack was one to which *Camden Council had a right to* expect an opportunity to reply".

Verdict on the conferences

The party conference was, I believe, the turning point. This judgment is borne out by the opinion pools. NOP in *The Mail on Sunday* on October 27, MORI in *The London Standard* two days later and MORI again in *The Sunday Times* on November 3 all put the Conservatives in front. Not by much, it is true, but even a small lead was a marked improvement on the party's showing since the spring.

All these polls were taken after the electorate had had time to digest its impressions of the Conservative conference and before the Autumn Statement on November 12. They were not an unreasonable verdict on the conference season.

Mr Kinnock was the personal hero of the 1985 conferences for the courage and drama of his Bournemouth speeches. But as a party Labour still seemed to contain too many of the elements of an utterly mess.

By contrast, the Conservatives appeared to have kept their nerve as a government and a party during difficult times. Their political prospects will depend more than anything else upon whether they can preserve this reputation.

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Soviet expert on submarines takes over as navy chief

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

Admiral Sergei Gorshkov, aged 75, veteran commander of the Soviet Navy, has been replaced by a man nearly 20 years his junior as part of the continuing shake-up in the control of various key branches of the armed forces ordered by Mr Gorbachov, the Soviet Leader.

Although the change had been shrouded in Secrecy, a Defence Ministry spokesman in Moscow confirmed yesterday that the new naval commander is Admiral Vladimir Chernavin, aged 57, one of the pioneers of nuclear submarine warfare.

The promotion of Admiral Chernavin, first hinted at in typically cryptic Kremlin style in yesterday's edition of the armed forces' paper *Krasnaya Zvezda* (Red Star), attracted widespread diplomatic attention as the emergence of the Soviet Union as an oceanic power is regarded as one of he strateigic events of the post war period.

According to Western experts, there is unlikely to be any immediate change in naval strategy. It had been predicted that Mr Gorbachov would work to engineer the replacement of Admiral Gorshov, who has held his influential post for 29 years.

Since Mr Gorbachov took office in March, new chiefs have already been appointed to head the forces, political Department, the powerful strategic rocket forces, and the forces in East Germany. There have also been repeated rumours of further impending changes in the military hierarchy.

Admiral Chernavin, a graduate of the Frunze Naval College in Leningrad, had been one of the two first deputy commanders-in-chief of the Navy since March, 1982. Before that, he was commander of the Northern Fleet, in which he had served for about 30 years.

In the late 1950s and early 1960s, when the Soviet Union was increasing its nuclear-powered submarine fleet – now believed to be about 150 strong – Admiral Chernavin, then commander of a diesel submarine, had special training and was appointed as commander of one of the first Soviet nuclear vessels.

According to sources here, he later became the first submarine commander to launch missiles from his vessel while it was submerged. He was also said to have been one of the pioneers of navigation under ice and learning to surface in gaps in the ice cap.

In the spring of 1966, Admiral Chernavin was awarded the Order of Lenin for his part as a staff officer in the submerged circumnavigation of the World by a detachment of Soviet nuclear submarines. His abilities are respected by Western observers here, many of whom regard him as one of the most distinguished Soviet naval commanders of the postwar era.

There has in that time been a steady build-up which has transformed the Navy, and which some diplomats here believe may have been spurred by the Soviet Union's humiliation in the 1962 Cuban missile crisis.

The recent concentration on expanding the nuclear submarine fleet is expected to continue, with Western observers predicting that Admiral Chernavin will prove as capable as his predecessor in securing a substantial share of the huge annual defence budget.

Admiral Chernavin joined the Communist Party in 1949 and later became a deputy to the Supreme Soviet. Western experts were first alerted to his importance in 1981 when *Red Star* devoted two lengthy articles to his career.

● TUNIS: Admiral Chernavin visited the northern port of Bizerta yesterday on the second day of a visit to Tunisia, according to the official TAP news agancy (Reuter reports).

Admiral Chernavin earlier had talks with the Defence Minister Mr Slaheddine Baly, on furthering co-operation between the two countries' navies.



Admiral Gorshkov: held post for 29 years

Paris staff strike over Unesco job losses

From Diana Geddes
Paris

About 1,000 members of the Staff Association at Unesco staged a one-day strike at the organization's Paris headquarters yesterday in protest at the loss of an estimated 800 jobs, one-third of the Paris-based staff. It was the organization's first strike in 11 years.

Four more association members decided yesterday to join their French President, M Bruno De Padirac, in a hunger strike started on Monday in support of the association's demands for a joint staff-administration committee to consider how best to redeploy staff made compulsorily redundant instead of the "committee of wise men", with no staff representatives, set up by Mr Amadou M'Bow, Unesco Secretary General.

Mr M'Bow was due to address a closed meeting last night of all 2,377 Paris-based Unesco staff in an attempt to allay their fears, soothe their anger, and remove the threat of a continuation of the strike action. His secretariat claims that only 600 jobs losses will be needed as a result of the British and American withdrawal from the organization, of which up to 200 are likely to involve compulsory redundancy.

● International concern: Britain's decision to leave the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization has caused concern in a number of contries.

China urged Britain to reconsider its decision. A Foreign Ministry spokesman told a news briefing in Peking that China supported "the reforms being carried out in the organization", and added: "We have always attracted importance to the principle of universality and hope Britain will return to Unesco."

In Nigeria, the Foreign Ministry said: "The most stable solutions to world problems can only coe about on the platform of international organizations," adding that it was dismayed by the British action and appeals to both London and Washington to return to Unesco.

Canada is "very disturbed" by Britain's decision, a government spokesman said this week. There is no question of Canada following Britain's lead, nor that given earlier by the United States, said Mr Michel Amar, an aide to the Minister for External Relations, Mrs Monique Vezina.

Jordan had earlier urged Britain to reconsider its decision. A Foreign Ministry statement said Jordan had hoped problems would be resolved without any member state resorting to withdrawal.

Italy also expressed regret at the decision, saying that it depreived Unesco of "the voice of a great nation".



M Bruno de Padirac, flanked by Ann Gregory from Britain (right) and Sarah Camargo-Pinuela from Mexico beginning their hunger strike in Unesco headquarters.

Demand for vaccines treble

Unicef charts child survival success

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

The United Nations Children's Fund (Unicef) said yesterday the lives of more than a million children were being saved each year by a surge in immunization and rehydration therapy, two of the cheapest and simplest child protection techniques.

In a report heralding the start of a resolution in child survival entitled *The State of the World's Children 1986* released in Washington, Unicef said many developing nations were within striking distance of immunizing all their children by the United Nations target year of 1990. That would mean another 3,500,000 young lives would be saved each year. But the report pointed to a continuing crisis in Africa.

Demand for vaccines had trebled since 1983. "New strategies for mobilizing all organized resources and all possible channels of communication are enabling immunization programmes to reach a much greater proportion of a nation's families," it said.

"Oral rehydration therapy and immunization are therefore leading the way towards a revolution in child survival and development, made possible by a range of low-cost methods including growth checking, improved weaning, the promotion of breast feeding and the prevention of Vitamin A deficiency.

Unicef said that in the past 18 months several nations had doubled or trebled their level of immunization against vaccine-preventable diseases which were killing almost four million children a year and leaving another four million permanently disabled.

It said the United Nations had taken the unprecedented step of asking the leaders of all 159 member states for their personal support for immunizing all the world's children by 1990.

NAIROBI: in its report on Africa. Unicef accused the International Monetary Fund (IMF) of aggravating the continent's appalling problems by neglecting human factors in the economic reforms it had promoted (Reuter reports).

Partly as a result of narrowly conceived reforms, "children and their mothers in sub-Saharan Africa are less healthy than in any other major region of the world," Unicef said. "While steady progress is being made in other regions, the situation in Africa appears to be either stagnant or deteriorating."

The report quoted a US survey which found that 17 million children under five in sub-Saharan Africa – 25 per cent of the total – were malnourished even before the recent drought.

It said the IMF and World Bank had emphasized improving the balance of payments of impoverished African countries and repaying their debts at the expense of boosting employment and social services.

Nato INF launchers rise to 140

From Frederick Bannart
Brussels

Nato medium-range missile launchers will be deployed in Europe by the end of this year. Mr Allen Holmes, head of the politico-military affairs bureau of the State Department, made the announcement at the end of a meeting of Nato's consultative group on intermediate-range nuclear forces, (INF) which he chairs.

Of the total 140 missile launchers, 108 Pershing 2 ballistic missiles will have arrived in West Germany by the end of the year. Thirty-two cruise missile launchers are deployed in Britain, Italy and Belgium.

Under proposals tabled by the US in the INF arms control negotiations in Geneva last month, there is to be a ceiling of 140 launchers deployed by both sides in Europe.

Mr Holmes added that the Soviet Union would be required to reduce its SS20s within range of Europe to that number. The total number of SS20s still stood at 441 worldwide and there is no evidence of dismantlement.

The aim is to have the same number of warheads for medium-range missiles on both sides. The final mix of Pershing 2 and cruise missiles would be a subject for discussion with the Soviet Union.

Hunt for two accused of killing

From Harry Debelius
Madrid

A hunt for two people accused of killing a British holidaymaker spread from the Costa Brava to the rest of Spain yesterday after police recaptured two of four suspects who fled from a court with a magistrate and two other hostages.

The four, who range in age from 18 to 28, had been brought from a nearby prison to a magistrates' court in Santa Coloma de Farnes, near Gerona, on Tuesday to testify regarding the killing of Mr David Mathieson in the Costa Brava resort of Lloret de Mar, on September 23, 1984.

In the court room one pulled a knife from his sock and held it against the magistrates' neck, forcing three Civil Guards to surrender their arms.

The four fled, holding the magistrate, a court clerk and an unidentified third person as hostages.

The hostages were released in a wooded area where police took two of the suspects back into custody.

Mr Mathieson, who was 43, was strolling with his wife and another British couple, when a young man grabbed his wife's purse. He resisted the robbery and was stabbed to death.

Brussels ready to help finance Channel link

From Richard Owen, Strasbourg

The European Community is prepared to offer financial help for the proposed fixed link across the Channel, but time is running out and Britain and France must first approach the European Commission in Brussels, EEC sources said yesterday. Britain and France are to decide which of several Channel projects to adopt next year.

Both London and Paris have taken the view so far that the Channel link – whether tunnel or bridge, or a combination of the two – is a bilateral project financed and constructed by private companies. The Commission, with the support of the European Parliament at Strasbourg, argues that the fixed link cannot be seen in isolation and has an important European dimension, with implications for EEC internal trade, as well as symbolic significance for Britain's commitment to Europe.

Mr Stanley Clinton Davis, the Commissioner responsible for transport, told the European Parliament earlier this year that Britain and France did not appear to want EEC public finance.

Commission sources said a working paper on the options facing the EEC over the Channel link had been dropped from the Commission agenda a month ago, but could be revived.

EEC aid could take the form either of guarantees for private finance offered by the European Investment Bank, or funds for infrastructure projects, such as approach roads. If private backers of the Anglo-French Channel do not receive guarantees from either the British or the French governments, they could seek EEC guarantees instead, officials said.

Direct EEC funds for infrastructure projects would have to be approved by the Council of Ministers.

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US agreement to discuss forces in Spain will aid González in Nato poll

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

The United States has agreed to negotiate with Spain's Socialist Government on an "adjustment" of its military presence in this country during the first half of next year.

Two days of tense talks and a joint statement issued here on Tuesday night have put in place a key element in the Spanish Government's strategy to obtain a positive result from the referendum on Nato membership, envisaged for March.

The military bases, first established here by the Americans more than 30 years ago in a deal which brought the Franco regime out of isolation, remain the emotional focal point of Spanish opposition to Nato.

Señor Felipe González, the Prime Minister, can now brandish Washington's promise to negotiate before the voters, but the timing of the negotiations within the framework of renewing the 1982 bilateral agreement of co-operation and friendship will give Washington what it wanted – knowledge of the referendum outcome before getting down to any consideration of future adjustments to bases and troop levels.

The joint statement commits both sides only to adjustments "to the level they judge necessary". The "phased reduction of the US military presence will be based on the assumption by Spain's armed forces of specific responsibilities and missions currently undertaken by the US," the statement goes on.

But the Americans have left themselves the proviso, expected to figure prominently in any future detailed negotiations, that "overall defence capability and level of security for both countries and their allies" will be maintained.

Spain's Foreign Minister first signalled last May, a week before President Reagan's visit, Madrid's desire for troop reduction.

After a first round of talks in October which failed to produce what Madrid desired, Señor González threatened that, if Spain could not get the reductions by negotiations, it would take action unilaterally. But his Defence Minister later toned down this threat.

Señor José Maria de Areilza, who as Foreign Minister after Franco's death negotiated the first changes in the original bases agreement, yesterday told the Government that the Nato controversy would be much better settled by a vote in Parliament than by a referendum.

The opposition which wants Spain fully integrated into Nato, decided yesterday to recommend its supporters to abstain in the referendum.

Talks on Turkish bases

From Frederick Bonnart, Brussels

The agreed reduction of American military forces in Spain was discussed by Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, and Señor Francisco Fernández Ordóñez, the Spanish Foreign Minister, after Mr Shultz's arrival in Brussels from London yesterday.

The United States maintains about 12,500 military and 1,700 civilian personnel under a treaty with Spain on two Air Force bases, one naval station, a firing range and several other minor installations leased from Spain under the 1953 agreement.

Negotiations on bases was also the subject of a later discussion Mr Shultz had with Mr Yahit Halefoglu, the Turkish Foreign Minister.

The agreement under which US troops are stationed in Turkey also expires in 1988, and both sides are ready to begin preliminary negotiations early next year. Turkey is known to want greatly increased military aid from the United States.

Mr Shultz is in Brussels for a meeting of Nato's foreign ministers, which starts today. At this North Atlantic Council meeting, the foreign ministers, according to a senior Nato official, will begin working out an allied political strategy towards the Soviet Union and East Europe, based on the results of the Reagan-Gorbachov summit and an evaluation of the new Soviet leadership.



Prince Sihanouk (right), leader of the Cambodian resistance coalition, embraces Chinese Communist Party leader Mr Hu Yaobang before talks this week in Zhongnanhai, China.

American ultimatum to UN on budget

From Zoriana Pysariwsky, New York

The United States has given the United Nations less than a week to initiate sweeping budgetary reforms or face deep, across-the-board cuts in the American budgetary contribution which could virtually paralyse the world organization.

The American warning comes after adoption by Congress of the Kassebaum Amendment, which directs the US Secretary of State to seek weighted voting on budgetary matters in the UN and its specialized agencies. Unless weighted voting is achieved by October 1, 1986, the US will have to cut its contribution from 25 per cent to less than 20 per cent of the organization's annual budget.

Reagan Administration officials have stated their opposition to the amendment, but have made clear that their hands are tied now that the amendment has become law. They strongly suggested that the UN's financial and budgetary committee adopt four reform measures that would enable the Administration to argue effectively in favour of forestalling enactments of the Kassebaum Amendment.

The Committee has until the end of the present Assembly, which is next Tuesday, to take the decisions in order to make the October, 1986, deadline.

The four measures are: developing a method of limiting accretions to the budget; a freeze on the budget; the examination of alternative methods of assessing member contributions; and increased control by member states over personnel costs which take up a majority of the regular UN annual budget that in 1985 was about $830 million (£568 million).

What critics of the way the UN spends its money find most infuriating is the creation of new programmes which, in many cases, are redundant. But even in the unlikely event that the UN acts on the four suggested measures by the end of the session, the Reagan Administration is unable to give any guarantees that the proposed cuts can be avoided.

Mr Joseph Reed, the American representative, could only offer the hope that, if the steps are taken, it "may be possible to convince Congress to delay implementing the Kassebaum Amendment".

African leaders in Paris

Chad and debts top summit agenda

From Diana Geddes, Paris

The 12th annual Franco-African summit opened in Paris yesterday with the continuing Libyan occupation of part of Chad, South African apartheid, and Africa's serious economic problems, including its big foreign debt, all high on the three-day agenda.

Thirty-six countries, representing two-thirds of the members of the organization of African Unity (OAU), are due to attend, including 17 French-speaking heads of state and the representatives of five English-speaking countries – Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Zambia, Nigeria and Sudan. Of the 37 countries invited this year (nine fewer than last year). Only one, Burkina Faso, has refused.

Morocco will be present at a Franco-African summit for the first time. It is hoped that King Hassan, who signed a "treaty of union" with Lybia in 1984, will be able to get together with President Hissène Habré of Chad to see whether the Moroccan leader could use his good offices with Colonel Gadafe to persuade him to withdraw from the northern half of Chad, which Libyan troops have been occupying for the past two-and-a-half years.

Sixteen months after the French pact with Libya for the mutual and simultaneous withdrawal of their troops from Chad, the Libyan troops remain in the north, and according to President Habré, have recently been substantially reinforced. He estimates the Libyans now have 7,000 troops in the north and fears that they are planning a new offensive against the south.

President Mitterrand has already given two firm hints that France would not stand idly by if the Libyans did try to push farther south.

King Hassan is also expected to be the focus of interest over the question of the proposed referendum in the Western Sahara. It will be the African states' first opportunity to discuss the issue with the Morocan leader since Morocco's decision to leave the OAU in November, 1984, in protest against the admission of the Saharan Democratic Arab Republic, proclaimed by the rebel Polisario Front in 1976.

On the question of the African countries' debts, which now total an estimated $150 billion (103 billion) France is expected to repeat its support for an international conference on the African ecomony called for by the OAU.

Nations present

Countries participating at head of state level are: Benin, Burundi, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Djibouti, Gabon, Ile Maurice, Ivory Coast, Mali, Morocco, Niger, Rwanda, Senegal, Togo, Zaire. Others attending are Angola, Botswana, Cape Verde, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Bambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Mauritania, Mozambique, Seychelles, Somalia, Sudan, Tanzania, Tunisia, Zimbabwe.

After restricted talks with the French-speaking African states yesterday, President Mitterrand is expected to devote a good part of his inaugural speech at today's opening plenary session to the question of the fight against apartheid in South Africa.

France recently denied rumours emanating from South Africa that it had offered political asylum to the jailed African nationalist leader, Mr Nelson Mandela, if Pretoria agreed to free him.

Representatives of the African jurists' association met President Diouf of Senegal in his capacity as president of the OAU in Paris earlier this week, to suggest a boycott by African states of South African Airlines and of all other airlines flying to or from South Africa.

Reagan warns Senate on China relations

Washington – The Reagan Administration has warned Congress that new tougher conditions imposed by the Senate on the US-Chinese nuclear accord could damage relations between the two.

The State Department said that that an amendment proposed by Senator John Glenn (Democrat, Ohio) would also underline the nuclear pact signed in July.

The amendment would oblige President Reagan to certify, before companies sell nuclear reactors and technology, that Peking has agreed to International Atomic Energy Agency safeguards or their equivalent.

Labour Act move denounced

Bonn protest on jobless pay terms

From Frank Johnson, Bonn

The somewhat antiseptic streets of the Government Quarter here, normally rather under-populated, have this week been enlivened by about 3,000 protesting trade unionists.

They were here to denounce one paragraph in a new Labour Act which is to go before the Bundestag. The offending passage would end the arrangement, convenient for the unions, by which unemployment pay has to be paid to workers laid off by a strike, but who also stand to gain from the strike's success. The arrangement was used effectively last year by the big union, I.G. Metall, in its campaign for a shorter working week in the motor industry.

By calling out just a few workers in a small number of component factories, the union shut down the entire motor industry while at the same time ensuring that the rest of the workers received unemployment benefit, saving the union considerable strike pay. The disputed paragraph is intended by the Government to make sure that this does not happen again.

The protesters in Bonn stood outside the Chancellery on Tuesday evening while Chancellor Kohl intervened in the conflict by holding a meeting with leaders of the unions and employers. After three hours of talks, no agreement was reached. All sides agreed to reconsider their position, but Chancellor Kohl was said to be insisting on an agreement by Christmas under which the unions would agree not to repeat I.G. Metall's tactic.

About 350,000 engineering workers in West Germany stopped work to attend protest rallies. They heard their leaders say, among other things, that the paragraph was designed to undermine the right to strike

Nakasone takes slimmed-down £14,600 bonus

Tokyo. – The Japanese Prime Minister has been paid a bonus of 4.39 million yen (£14,600) for his work this past year in line with most civil servants (David Watts writes).

But Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone's award was less than that for the Chief Justice with whom he would normally be on a par: he has forgone a 5.74 per cent salary increase payable from last July because of Japan's domestic fiscal deficit.

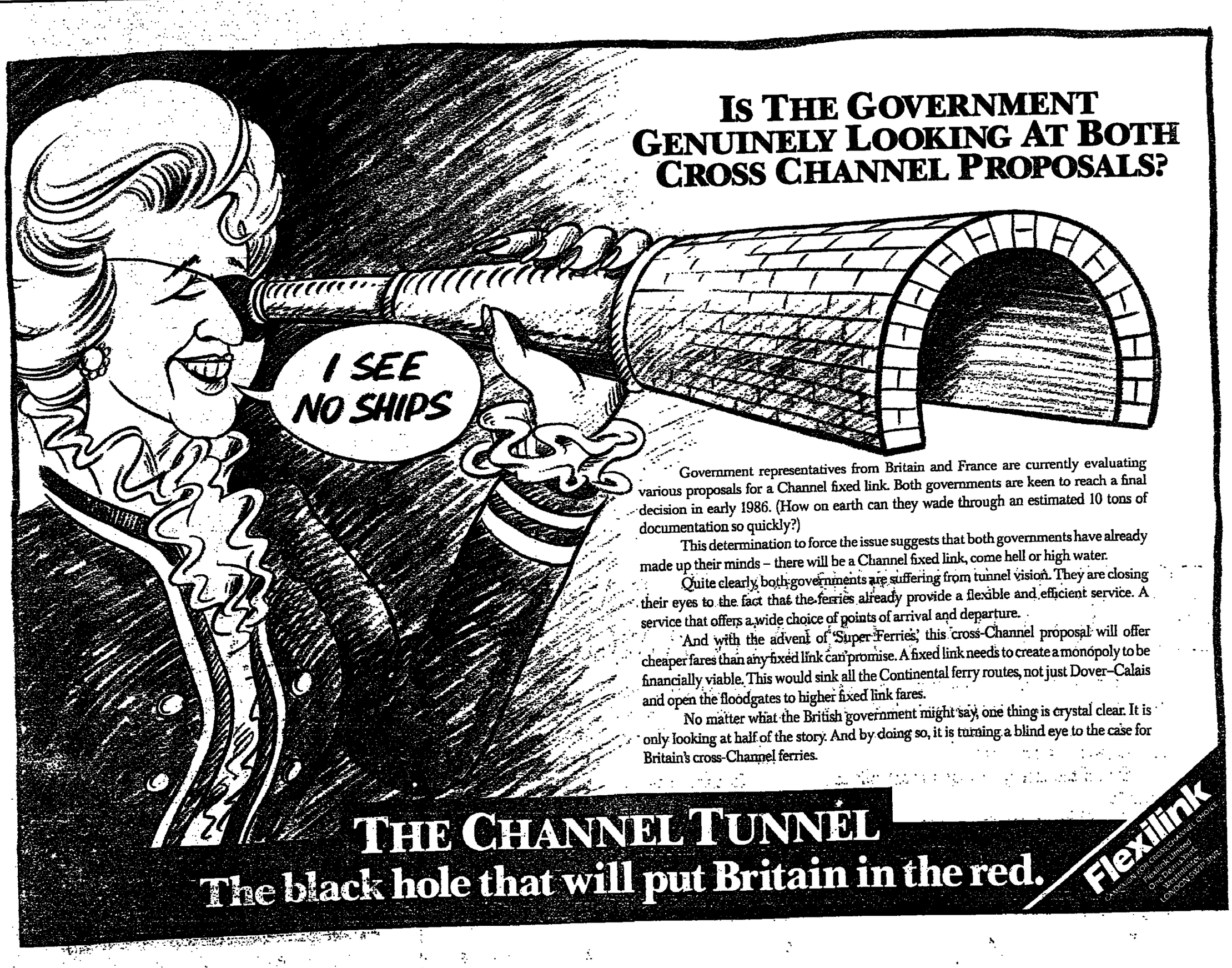
Bonuses are paid by most Japanese companies. Originally they rewarded good service, but now are normally seen as part of the salary.

Boost for comet mission

San Francisco (AP) – The gases of Halley's Comet extend so far that a US spacecraft should be able to sample material emitted by the comet instead of simply watching it go by, and official of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (Nasa) said.

"It looks like we're going to get our mission to Halley's Comet after all," even though the spacecraft will remain 18 million miles from it, said Mr John Brandt, head of the astronomy and solar physics laboratory at Nasa's Goddard Space Flight Centre.

Two Soviet probes, two Japanese and one from the European Space Agency will have closer encounters with the comet in March.



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Warsaw worried about Western reaction to big purge of universities

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

The political purge of Polish universities and colleges is gnawing deep into everyday academic life and seems bound to cause an embarrassing boycott of Poland by Western film-makers and intellectuals.

The government spokesman, Mr Jerzy Urban, said this week that 60 senior college staff had lost their positions as rectors (vice-chancellors), deputy rectors and deans, and that a further 13 had resigned in protest.

But that is only half the story. At Warsaw Polytechnic, where the Rector, Dr Wladyslaw Findeisen, was recently dislodged by the authorities, the purge is being measured by stopwatch. Special "worker peasant" inspection teams are watching to see which lecturers begin classes late or send their students home early. Regular offenders are liable to summary dismissal.

Many lecturers at the Polytechnic are each required to obtain two political references from "political or social organizations" before they can even be considered for renewal of their contracts. This poses a problem. There is only one legal political organization at the polytechnic and that is the Communist Party.

Rather than scurry around Warsaw looking for political patrons, lecturers are contemplating giving up their jobs. A process of "verification" – political vetting – will begin early next year and the feeling in several university and polytechnic departments is that it would be better to leave of one's own accord rather than undergo a humiliating inquisition. Mr Urban said that universities had to uphold the principles of socialist education and that lecturers had to be measured against these principles.

Underpinning the purge is the wish to destroy universities as a platform for the opposition linked with the banned Solidarity union. The authorities are worried that a new post-Solidarity generation, equally committed to political opposition, will spring out of university terrain.

That explains some of the more bizarre measures now underway. At Warsaw Polytechnic, the Bridge Club has become politically suspect and some regular participants have been questioned. Under the new amended Higher Education Law and some 30 detailed "executive instructions" the authorities can take steps to block any movement or group that smacks of opposition.

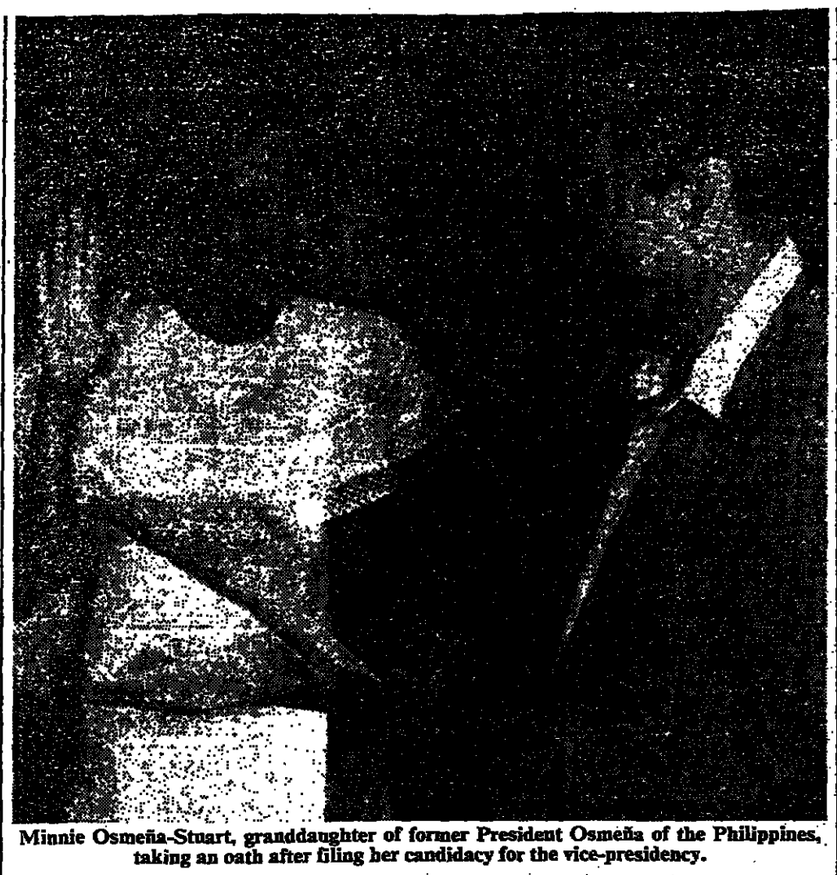
The new regulations provide for the creation of a security officer from among the university staff. He would be in charge of checking whether illegal posters are being pinned on noticeboards and whether Solidarity supporters are meeting on university premises. This is a volunteer position and not surprisingly most colleges have not been able to find candidates.

Although the government is trying to shrug off the storm of criticism and is insisting that some of the dismissals result from economic incompetence, it is obviously worried about the international impact of the purge. A much trumpeted Congress of World Intellectuals planned for January has been postponed for three months without explanation.

The government had invited such well-known figures as the novelist Graham Greene and the American film-maker, Woody Allen. However the authorities appear to have picked up a few ominous signals from abroad and it seems that Mr Allen at least is not keen to come. Polish television was due to start a new season of Woody Allen films but at the last minute and again without explanation the films were withdrawn. Television executives would say only: "Ask the government." The government, in turn, is simply saying that relations with the United States leave something to be desired.

But the implication is clear: Woody has been put on a blacklist.

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Minnie Osmeña-Stuart, granddaughter of former President Osmeña of the Philippines, taking an oath after filing her candidacy for the vice-presidency.

Hoyte set for Guyana win as count drags on

From Jeremy Taylor
Port of Spain, Trinidad

Final results due today from Monday's controversial general election in Guyana are expected to produce another massive victory for the ruling People's National Congress (PNC) and President Desmond Hoyte.

Counting has been painfully slow, and 24 hours after the poll closed on Monday night preliminary results from only one of Guyana's ten administrative areas were available. They showed 80 per cent of the vote going to the PNC, 11 per cent to the opposition People's Progressive Party (PPP) of Dr Cheddi Jagan, and 0.5 per cent to the multi-racial Working People's Alliance (WPA), which is contesting for the first time. The chief election officers blamed bad weather and poor communications for the delay in transporting ballot boxes to the counting centre.

The leading opposition parties boycotted the counting and have refused to recognize the results in protest at what Dr Jagan called "massive rigging". The counting has been supervised only by PNC agents. Both the PPP and the WPA claim that the Army took control of ballot boxes in some regions, though the Army chief of staff has denied this.

The PPP, which formally withdrew from the election on Monday night, is meeting at the weekend to decide strategy and whether to accept seats it wins.

Dr Jagan said that if the search for multi-party democracy through the ballot box was frustrated, we have to find alternative and legitimate means of mass action to remove this illegitimate and fraudelent government".

The PNC held 41 of the 53 seats in the last National Assembly and the PPP 10. Under its system of proportional representation, Guyana is treated as one constituency; ballot boxes from all districts are counted centrally and are mixed with the votes of 25,000 armed personnel who voted last week.

In the past, the opposition claim, election abuses had occurred while ballots were being transferred for counting and through postal, proxy and overseas voting systems which are now restricted. Demands for a preliminary count at each polling station have been rejected by the PNC.

Under a 1975 declaration, the ruling party's authority is paramount, and all state institutions, including the election commission and the armed forces, are executive arms of the party.

Greenpeace claims bid to sabotage flagship

Greenpeace yesterday said the engine of its protest flagship had been sabotaged. (Hugh Clayton writes).

The ocean-going tug Greenpeace was berthed at Sydney, Australia, preparing to sail to the Antarctic to declare the continent a "world park" in diffiance of conflicting national territorial claims from several countries, including Britain.

Greenpeace said the crew found a generator valve had been opened and the oil drained away, and wires operating an automatic cut-off had been cut.

Glittering gift

New York (AP) – The "Brazilian Princess", the world's largest cut gem, has been given to the American Museum of Natural History by an anonymous donor. The 9½lb topaz is the size of a large grapefruit.

DeLorean ruling

Somerville, New Jersey (AP) – A state judge granted John DeLorean's former wife custody of their two children, but upheld a disputed pre-nuptial agreement allowing the former car maker to keep an estimated $10 million in assets he took into the marriage.

Merger rebuff

Cairo, (AP) – Colonel Gadafi, the Libyan leader, offered Sudan $3 billion in exchange for an immediate merger with his country, but Sudan's new military Government refused, the state-run weekly magazine *Akher Saa* said.

Military pledge

Guatemala City (AFP) – Guatemala's outgoing military strongman, General Oscar Mejia Victores, said the armed forces that have ruled for almost 30 years will obey the civilian Government elected on Sunday.

Bail refused

Madrid (AP) – A judge has refused bail for Señor Jose Maria Ruiz Mateos, the former head of Spain's largest holding company, Rumasa, now under investigation over financial wrongdoings in the company.

Swiss choice

Bern (Reuter) – The Swiss Parliament elected Mr Alphons Egli as President and Mr Pierre Aubert as Vice-President for 1986, despite opposition to Mr Aubert's work as Foreign Minister.

Mayor jailed

San Diego, California (Reuter) – Roger Hedgecock, aged 39, the mayor of San Diego, was sentenced to one year in jail for conspiring to accept illegal campaign contributions and falsifying financial disclosures. He will serve his time repairing roads and on other civic jobs.

Hunt ends

Karlsruhe (Reuter) – Martin Thiel, aged 25, one of West Germany's most wanted urban guerrilla suspects, has surrendered, the Federal Prosecutor said.

Power crisis

Islamabad (AP) – Shops and businesses in many parts of Pakistan were ordered to limit working hours as the Government imposed stringent power cuts to deal with an electricity shortage.

Assisi bombs

Assisi, Italy (AP) – Police said they had no clue to who planted two bombs, one of which exploded causing minor damage, in churches dedicated to St Francis.

Correction

The "stage managing" of the myth of the Pasionaria in Spain, mentioned on December 9, should have been attributed to Señor Gerardo Iglesias, Secretary-General of the rump Communist Party, not to Señor Santiago Carrillo and Señor Ignacio Gallego.

Maverick to fight poll with Marcos

From Keith Dalton
Manila

President Marcos of the Philippines was proclaimed yesterday the ruling party's candidate in the February 7 presidential election and chose as his running mate the former Foreign Minister, Mr Arturo Tolentino, whom he dismissed nine months ago for insubordination.

In a televised convention of the KBL party, Mr Marcos announced his choice after ignoring a half-hearted effort to draft his wife, Imelda, as vice-presidential candidate.

A KBL maverick, Mr Tolentino, aged 75, is considered the most independent-minded member of the ruling party and his selection was cheered wildly by 8,000 party members at the convention in a luxury Manila hotel.

"This comes to me as a pleasant surprise," Mr Tolentino said in a brief acceptance speech. "It is a well-known fact that I have from time to time expressed critical views against the position of Mr Marcos . . . and it is for this reason that I never for a moment thought that I would seriously be considered to be his running mate in the coming elections."

Opposition leaders said the joint ticket was the strongest and most credible Mr Marcos could field and was calculated to dissipate growing opposition to his 20-year-old Government.

Black shot dead as shop boycott bites

From Michael Hornsby
Johannesburg

Consumer boycotts of white-owned shops and businesses by residents of at least 14 black townships in Transvaal have led to clashes with the police and the shooting of a black man.

The fatal shooting occurred last Monday at the entrance of Munsieville, the black satellite township of Krugersdorp, north-west of Johannesburg, where black youths manned roadblocks and searched cars for goods purchased in defiance of the boycott.

According to witnesses, the youths seized and destroyed groceries they found in the vehicles and in some cases assaulted those who refused to hand over their goods.

A black man, identified as Stephen Mashigo, aged 34 and a father of three children, was confronted by the police and accused of threatening shoppers. A shot was fired which hit the man in the stomach, the witnesses said.

The police have confirmed that they shot dead a man in Munsieville "when blacks deprived other blacks of their purchased goods". They claim that the man attacked them with a knife. However, Mr Mashigo's family say he was not involved in the boycott.

In Pretoria, many small businessmen have been badly hit by a black consumer boycott, now in its second week and set to continue into the new year.

Six British Noes

Britain voted against six anti-apartheid resolutions in the United Nations General Assembly calling for comprehensive sanctions against South Africa and providing for assistance to liberation movements there. (Zoriana Pysariwsky writes). It also abstained on two measures dealing with a convention on apartheid in sports and a UN public information campaign against apartheid.

It was the first time in eight years that Britain had participated in the assembly debate on apartheid with the express intention of giving the proceedings some moderation. But in the end the British Government was unable to vote for any of the resolutions which maintained their usual hard line.

Meanwhile, six Sharpeville residents have been found guilty in the Pretoria Supreme Court of the murder on September 3 of last year of Jacob Dlamini, the township's deputy Mayor, who was hacked to death on his own doorstep. Evidence in mitigation of the death penalty, normally mandatory for murder, will be heard tomorrow.

The outbreak of rioting in Sharpeville and neighbouring townships on the day of Mr Dlamini's death marked the start of the serious unrest which has continued in various parts of the country ever since, taking more than 900 lives.

Doe lifts curfew

Monrovia (AP) – General Samuel Doe, the Liberian leader, released 14 people held since the abortive November coup and lifted a night curfew.

Aids virus 'hides in the brain'

Boston (Reuter) – Medical researchers believe the Aids virus hides and spreads in the brain, which may make a cure more difficult to find, according to a report published yesterday.

Two separate teams of doctors reported in the *New England Journal of Medicine* that they had isolated the virus in brain and spinal fluid from Aids patients suffering from brain and nerve disorders that are beginning to be associated with acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

The presence of the virus in the brain may make it difficult to cure the disease because a membrane sheath called the blood-brain barrier prevents most drugs in the blood from reaching the brain.

The discovery "raises the possibility that the central nervous system may serve as a sanctuary for the virus and that any effective treatment must penetrate the blood-brain barrier for successful eradication", a team led by Dr David Ho of Massachusetts General Hospital said.

His colleague Dr Paul Black of Boston University School of Medicine, said these factors "will make eradication of infection of the central nervous system very difficult, if not impossible . . ."

From its safe haven in the brain, Dr Black reported, the Aids virus may alter the brain and contribute to the crippling of the immune system that is the hallmark of the disease.

Both the Ho team, and the second group led by Dr Lionel Resnick of the US National Institutes of Health (NIH), found that the virus was probably responsible for the brain disorders recently found to accompany Aids. These include a deterioration of the brain and spinal cord, chronic meningitis, and weakness in the hands and legs.

US urged by businessmen to lift ban

From Christopher Walker
Moscow

The biggest delegation of US businessmen to visit the Soviet Union ended its three-day mission last night by urging the Reagan Administration to liberalize its trading policy towards Moscow after last month's Geneva summit.

More than 400 top executives from US companies and banks attended the session of the US–USSR Trade and Economic Council, which concluded yesterday with a resolution intended to increase pressure on Washington to end some trade restrictions with Moscow.

"There remain more than a few unresolved problems in commercial-economic relations between our countries," the council said. "On this point, we declare decidedly in favour of granting to the USSR most-favoured-nation status and in favour of extending to the USSR export credits."

The resolution reflected the call made earlier in the week by Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, who demanded in a televised speech to the US delegation that the Reagan Administration dismantle what he described as "political obstacles" to increased trade between the countries.

Pressure on the US to liberalize its trade policy towards Moscow is expected to grow before the next Reagan-Gorbachov summit scheduled for next year.

Minimal powers granted

Euro-MPs angry at result of summit

From Richard Owen, Strasbourg

There was a powerful current of anger running through the European Parliament yesterday over the failure of the EEC summit in Luxembourg last week to grant the Parliament more than minimal powers.

But, as M. Jacques Delors, president of the Commission, noted during a break in proceedings, there was also a strong tendency toward compromise on the grounds that the Luxembourg summit on institutional reform at least had taken a step towards greater democracy in the EEC as it becomes the Community of Twelve, 30 years after its foundation.

The desire to avoid confrontation was underlined by suggestions from some MEPs, notably Conservatives, that the parliament should also meet the Council of Ministers halfway over the 1986 budget.

The budget crisis reached its final stages yesterday as EEC budget ministers came to Strasbourg for a special meeting on the eve of today's crucial vote.

The Luxembourg summit achieved a closely fought compromise between maximalist states such as Italy and minimalist states like Britain and Denmark by agreeing on moves towards monetary union and the completion of the internal market by 1992, as well as majority voting to speed up decision-making and slightly increased delaying powers for the European Parliament.

Italy accepted this formula, which leaves the Council with the last word, only fi the Parliament also did so.

'Radical change' claimed

The Luxembourg Prime Minister, Mr Jacques Santer, and the Foreign Minister, Jacques Poos, went before the Assembly to persuade MEPs that the reform package was acceptable as a step forward.

Mr Santer, summing up Luxembourg's presidency of the Council over the past six months (it passes to Holland in January), went so far as to describe the formula offered as "a radical change in decision-making".

But many MEPs remained bitterly disappointed, including Signor Altiero Spinelli, the veteran Italian Communist MEP and architect of EEC reform. He said the Luxembourg summit had failed to come up with the necessary solutins, and urged MEP's to reject the package as inadequate.

Warnings over Brussels power

The solution suggested by Conservative MEPs – that the Parliament should reserve judgement and seek clarification from next week's meeting of European foreign ministers in Brussels – was greeted by M Delors as responsible and sensible.

A passionate exponent of European unity, M Delors said the package was imperfect, not least because of national exemptions for Britain and Ireland over border controls and the failure to harmonize taxes or insurance, but the EEC could not expect miracles.

Some MPs said power was passing swiftly from national parliaments to Brussels without democratic controls and Strasbourg needed greater powers to supervise the Brussels bureaucracy. The Parliament at present has few powers except over the annual budget, over which it stages an annual crisis.

Following the Council of Ministers' decision two weeks ago to concede some of the Parliament's demands for extra spending to meet the cost of enlargement next year and debts from the past on regional spending, many MEPs were in a mood to take what M Delors called a "sensible" view. But a powerful lobby of Euro-MPs remains dissatisfied with the council's concessions and argues that the EEC should add some £500 million more to the 1986 budget.

Dutch challenge

The Dutch grandmaster, Jan Timman, has qualified for the semi-finals of the World Chess Championship candidates' competition, the only non-Russian still with a chance of challenging for the world title at the end of 1986. He beat the Russian former champion, Mikhail Tal, on a tie-break in Montpellier, France.

Ugandan troops accused of kidnapping girls

Kampala (AFP) – Uganda Army soldiers have looted a Roman Catholic mission, assaulted civilians and abducted a number of young girls from Mpigi district near here, eyewitnesses said yesterday.

The girls were among displaced people who had earlier sought refuge at the mission in Konge parish, about 18 miles south west of Kampala, to escape Army harassment.

After the incident, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) assisted in the emergency evacuation from Konge of hundreds of women, girls and small children, some of those evacuated said here yesterday.

They were taken to Kampala in a convoy of three Red Cross trucks accompanied by Kampala auxiliary Bishop Mathies Sekamanya, and spent the night in Kampala's Rubaga Cathedral.

"The soldiers came yesterday morning and started picking out the young girls and beating other people up, telling them to return to their homes," said one of the women evacuated from Konge. "Some of the girls they took were just 13 years old, and when they could not find any more, they started coming for the older women."

The parish priest, Father Charles Sekiyonga, was harassed, some of his personal property taken and the parish offices disturbed, she said.

The women from Konge yesterday expressed fears for the safety of male relatives who had not been allowed on the Red Cross trucks and who were left behind as priority had been given for the evacuation of women and children.

They said that everyone left behind had fled the mission, fearing that the soldiers would return after the church and ICRC officials had left with the women and children. The parish priest was among those evacuated, however. The soldiers' rampage and the emergency evacuation followed an intervention last week by the army's commander, Lieutenant-General Bazilio Okello, over an earlier incident in the area.

Resistance to 'iron fist' policy

Palestinians in Israel jail hunger strike

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

Up to 1,500 Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails were continuing to refuse food yesterday in protest at what they claimed to be a new regime of harsh treatment.

According to lawyers representing the prisoners, an "iron fist" policy has been introduced progressively in the jails since the exchange of 1,150 inmates last May for three Israeli prisoners of war.

The hunger strikers are said to object in particular to being made to stand for morning roll call. Last September a jail riot over this was put down by border guards using tear-gas grenades when prisoners threatened to set fire to their cells.

A further complaint is that Palestinian women are being locked up with women criminals rather than being kept apart as political prisoners.

The "political prisoner" status is not recognized by the Israeli authorities for the Palestinians, all of whom have been sentenced in courts for criminal offences.

Overcrowding in prisons where large numbers of Palestinians are held is particularly bad, even by the generally low Israeli standard. Often there is insufficient room even for beds and inmates have to sleep on mattresses on the floor.

Refusal by Palestinians to work, on the ground that the work helps the Israeli economy, means that many of them are left in their cells for more than 21 hours a day.

How long the present hunger strike has been going on is not clear. Accordong to a Palestinian source, most of those involved in four prisons have been refusing food for seven days, while others have joined since the weekend.

Accroding to the Prison Authority here, hunger strikes are staged by prisoners to attract public attention only after a secret hoard of food has been hidden in a cell. On htis occasion a search of the cells on Monday discovered a large quantity of cakes, sandwiches, drinks and sweets.

"Only after all the food was taken out of the cells was the prisoners' fast defined as a hunger strike", Mr Rafi Suissa, the Prison Commissioner, said. "It started from the moment the search was over and the food was taken out".

He said the prisoners' demands were ridiculous. "They contain more than just hints at an attempt at obtaining autonomy in the management of prisons and their daily functioning, including involvement in the decision-making process".

Critical year for Mexico and its leader

From John Carlin
Mexico City

At the halfway point in President de la Madrid's term, he and his Government have become fixed in the popular consciousness as inert and indecisive. The Government's credibility could not be much lower.

Three years into his administration, the principal targets the President set for his country's dangerously debt-ridden economy have palpably not been met, alarming foreign bankers and causing nervousness among Mexico's ever-wary American neighbours.

To combat inflation and restore order to the crippled economy he inherited in December 1982 were the objectives he set himself.

But inflation is now at 60 per cent and even government officials are saying privately that next year it will be higher. Capital flight has been massive in recent months, forcing a dramatic drop in the value of the peso, a reflection of waning confidence in the Government's policies.

Even the most publicly optimistic Cabinet ministers are saying that 1986 will be a critical year.

Many foreign bankers appear to believe the problems of the Mexican economy are beyond solution, raising the fear that, sooner or later, it will not be able to meet the payments on its $96 billion (£64 billion) debt.

In a recent speech the Finance Minister, Señor Jesús Silva Herzog, warned Mexicans that "austerity" was still the Government's recipe for getting out of the crisis. Yet he also issued a warning to international banks.

"Paying the debt cannot be above the fundamental need of nations. The first, and only, responsibility of democratic governments is to their communities."

Interest payments of about $12 billion next year will swallow up, according to government figures, nearly half the budget.

An increasingly impoverished, once-pampered population – accustomed to the easy wealth oil used to provide – is growing increasingly restless as the call by the left for a confrontation with the banks begins to grow in appeal.

But the Mexican private sector and, ironically, the foreign banks themselves, are not satisfied either, feeling that not enough cuts are being made in the public sector, especially in the traditionally vast area of subsidies.

President de la Madrid has his back to the wall. He knows that attempts to reduce a public-sector deficit running at 10 per cent of the gross domestic product might pose grave political risks. On the other hand, if he fails to balance his books, he knows the economy will continue to limp on indefinitely – going from bad to worse.

The government's apparent unwillingness to take the bull by the horns, and offer instead what are widely seen to be tired old formulas, has led to a rash of typically vulgar jokes aimed at the President, all making fun of his perceived lack of that most admired of Mexican attributes, manhood, or machismo.



Señor de la Madrid: accused of inertia.

Gunmen breach Beirut security plan

From Robert Fisk
Beirut

Down on the Corniche, the Druze took down their sandbagged emplacement and pulled their red flag with its crossed pen, pickaxe and gun from the front of their local headquarters, the abandoned and unfinished concrete tower that was once to have been the Beirut Sheraton Hotel.

Not long after dawn, two muddy armoured personnel carriers, loaded with government troops, drove slowly down the grubby seafront, escorting two police Land-Rovers. Mr Rashid Karami's latest security plan had started.

Of course, it was too good to last. Beirut's militias were supposed to put away their guns – no-one, after all, hands them over to the law – and dismantle their roadblocks.

Ostensibly, that is just what happened. But by late afternoon the gunmen had sauntered back onto the streets, not too ostentatiously, sometimes only on a shopping expedition. The soldiers ignored the gunmen; the gunmen ignored the soldiers. Which is pretty much what had happened before the Prime Minister's security plan went into effect.

● **Christians freed:** Two prominent Christians were released unharmed last night, four days after they were kidnapped in mainly Muslim west Beirut (Reuter reports).

Dr Munir Shamaa, aged 58, an American University Hospital doctor and Mr Joseph Salameh, a businessman, were freed at the home of Sheikh Muhammed Fadlallah, a senior Shia Muslim clergyman associated with the pro-Iranian fundamentalist Hizbollah (Party of God).

In Damascus, Mr Timothy Renton, Minister of State, Foreign Office, said yesterday Syria had assured him it would do all it could to help secure the release of the British journalist Alec Collett, kidnapped in Lebanon nine months ago.

Mr Collett, who is 63, was abducted in Beirut on March 25 while on a writing assignment for the UN.

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Electric Cookers

	Width	Comet Price inc. VAT
Free-Standing		
BAFY BELLING 120	18"	219.90
BABY BELLING 120 Stand	18"	23.95
BELLING 4/30N	18"	189.95
BELLING Compact 4 4/60T	18"	224.90
BELLING 900 DL/R Classic	27"	334.90
BELLING 900/R Executive	27"	369.90
BELLING Format 600S	24"	294.90
BELLING Format 600C (ceramic)	24"	304.90
CREDA Cosmo Deluxe	22"	224.90
CREDA Highline	22"	284.90
CREDA Topline Radiant 48801	22"	284.90
CREDA Concept circulaire 48301 slip in ceramic hob, double oven (fan operated main oven)	23½"	488.99
PHILIPS ACE668 Series 90, slip in (fan operated oven)	23½"	399.95
PHILIPS AC6655 Series 90, slip in (fan operated oven)	23½"	359.90
TRICITY Bampton	18½"	179.90
TRICITY Caprice double oven	23½"	229.90
TRICITY White Rose Mk. II double oven	23½"	237.90
TRICITY Cuisine Mk. II double oven	23½"	289.90
TRICITY Gourmet ceramic hob, double oven	23½"	434.90
ZANUSSI ZE943 slip in with fold-down lid (convection oven)	23½"	319.90
ZANUSSI ZE964GR slip in with ceramic hob (convection oven)	23½"	414.90
Built-in Ovens		
BALAY H2295 fan assisted		181.90
BELLING XOU18S double oven		384.90
CREDA 48107 'Concorde Circulaire' double oven		349.95
CREDA 'Cosmic' 48106 double oven		399.95
INDESIT 2651 fan assisted single oven with variable grill		179.95
PHILIPS 'Hostess' 006 (Brown) single oven with grill		194.90
PHILIPS 'Hostess' 006 (White) single oven with grill		194.90
PHILIPS 'Hostess' 004 Circe double oven with grill		289.95
PHILIPS 'Hostess' 006 Circe double oven with grill		324.95
TRICITY 2176A 'Explore' double oven		359.90
TRICITY 2368 'Orion' double oven		
ZANUSSI F866 fan assisted single oven with variable grill		239.90
ZANUSSI F865S double oven		329.90

All above Built-in Ovens have automatic timer.

Hob Units		
BALAY E1401 gas	22½"	71.90
BALAY E1411 'Table' flame	22½"	71.90
BELLING C4D1175 Ceramic (Brown)	22½"	237.90
CREDA 42104	22½"	89.95
CREDA 42204 Ceramic	22½"	180.95
PHILIPS 'Flotation' 019 Radiant	22"	92.90
TRICITY 2307 Radiant (Brown)	22½"	99.99
TRICITY 2311 'Orion' ceramic	22½"	168.90
TRICITY 4227 Ceramic (Brown)	22½"	249.90
ZANUSSI EM67B Solid (Brown)	22½"	79.90
ZANUSSI VM62B Ceramic	22½"	227.90

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CONSORT CEDC/2 90 cm. 2 speed + pocket	39.99
GLEN Similux 60 cm. re-circ	44.95
GLEN Aldor Deluxe 60 cm. ducted/re-circ	49.90
GLEN Superflow Deluxe 90 cm. ducted/re-circ	66.95
TRICITY 'Radiance' 60 cm. re-circ	53.90
ZANUSSI ZH62 60 cm. re-circ	55.90
ZANUSSI ZH92 90 cm. re-circ	63.90

Dual Fuel Cookers

	Comet Price inc. VAT
LEISURE 'Superb' (Brown) free-standing gas AND electric cooker, GAS hob with ELECTRIC oven	449.95
NEW WORLD Dual Fuel 500 free-standing gas AND electric cooker, GAS hotplate with lid, GAS solar grill, ELECTRIC oven	369.90
ZANUSSI ZK60S free-standing gas AND electric cooker, featuring GAS hotplate, electric grill, electric convection oven	329.90

Micro Wave Ovens

	Capacity (Cu. Ft.)	Comet Price inc. VAT
CREDA 49001 Micro-compact, variable power, turntable, 30 min. timer	0.6	169.90
CREDA 40116 turntable, 30 min. timer	1.0	199.95
CREDA 49003 Variable power, turntable, 60 min. timer	1.0	219.95
CREDA 49004 Microtronic, 60 min. 2 speed timer with auto sensor	1.0	259.95
MOULINEX 691 - 3 heat settings, 30 min. timer	0.6	139.95
PHILIPS 7910/AK3105, unique rotating microwave antenna, 30 min. 2 speed timer	1.0	189.90
SHARP 1708 microwave and convection oven turntable, 60 min. timer on microwave or 120 min. timer on convection and 5 variable settings	1.1	319.90
SHARP 5600R programmable, micro-processor touch controls, variable power, 99 min. timer, turntable	1.2	429.99
TRICITY 4012 with turntable and variable timer	0.6	149.90
TRICITY 4013S turntable, 60 min. timer	1.0	269.90
TRICITY 4004T touch control variable power, turntable, and variable timer	1.0	279.95
TRICITY 2005 microwave and convection oven, 5 microwave power settings, 60 min. timer, turntable	1.5	299.90
ZANUSSI MW600 touch control, variable power, temperature probe, 99 minute timer	0.8	289.90

Gas Appliances

Gas Cookers

	Width	
Free-Standing		
Standard Ovens		
CANNON Contour	21"	236.95
CANNON Coupe (Brown) slip in glass fold down top	21"	349.90
FLAVEL Festival	21½"	226.95
FLAVEL Coastal	21½"	259.90
FLAVEL Sable 2	21½"	319.95
MAIN Maestro	19½"	254.90
NEW WORLD Nova with grill	19½"	229.90
NEW WORLD Rightline	19½"	249.90
NEW WORLD Tempo slip in	19½"	289.90
NEW WORLD Option 3 slip in	19½"	359.90
PARKINSON COWAN 505 slip in with fold down top	19½"	269.90
Automatic Ovens	**Width**	
CANNON Contour Electronic	21"	329.90
LEISURE 'Superb All Gas' slip in style GAS cooker, with glass pull-down top automatic electronic timer. Flush fixing to sides and top of working surfaces	21½"	449.95
NEW WORLD 'Entertainer'	21"	339.90
NEW WORLD QS	21"	399.90
NEW WORLD Rialto	23½"	499.90
Built-in Ovens & Grills		
MOFFAT Modula 60 oven/grill with rotary settings (Automatic)		299.90
MOFFAT Modula 90 oven/grill, micro-grill, rotisserie, rotherside		489.90
NEW WORLD System One oven/grill		499.90
Hob Units		
BALAY E1730 stainless steel		67.90
CANNON 'Contour' 3		119.99
CANNON 50"		89.90
MOFFAT Modula 61		169.90
MOFFAT Modula 90		169.90
NEW WORLD System One		199.90
NEW WORLD Concorde		93.90
PHILIPS 'Hostess' 014 (Brown)		93.90
PHILIPS 'Hostess' 014 (White)		89.90
ZANUSSI GM76B (Brown)		89.90

Gas Fires

	Comet Price inc. VAT
CANNON Connoisseur	146.90
FLAVEL Regent Mk. II	126.90
PARKINSON COWAN Windsor	106.90
PARKINSON COWAN Sandringham	128.95
PARKINSON COWAN Fireflame	89.90
VALOR 'Majestic'	89.90
VALOR 'Coppertec' (log effect)	119.90
VALOR 'Elizabethan'	129.90
VALOR 'Heirloomflame' (living flame)	199.90
HPI Power effect hearth	59.95
Balanced Flue Convector Heaters	
DRUGASAR 'Flue wave' wall heater	84.95
VALOR 'Nevada Deluxe 2' wall heater	86.90
VALOR 'Nevada Super 2' wall heater	99.95
Water Heaters	
MAIN 'Mersey' multi point	172.90
MAIN 'Trent' with adjustable thermostat control, pilot light indicator	232.90

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Small Appliances

Cooking Appliances

	Comet Price inc. VAT
Sandwich Toasters	
SUNBEAM 930 (4 full rounds)	28.95
SWAN 00480 'Toasty'	15.25
Deep Fat Friers	
MOULINEX 874 Compact	18.95
MOULINEX 895	24.90
MOULINEX 713 Deluxe	34.90
SWAN Compact, 1½ pint oil capacity	22.95
SWAN 20458, 2½ pint oil capacity	28.90
Multi Cookers & Grills	
ICTC 'Vivalp' mini roasting oven, 1 cu. ft. capacity	37.90
PIFCO 4855 automatic slow cooker	24.90
SONA HP20 Multi-fryspan	27.95
Heated Trays & Trolleys	
PHILIPS HD392 cabinet heated tray with pyrex dishes	43.90
PHILIPS Hostess HO100 'Royal' heated trolley with Pyrex dishes	87.90
PHILIPS Hostess HO33 heated trolley	129.95
PHILIPS HL6161 heated trolley with genuine wood veneer finish	159.95
SALTON EI39W heated tray	19.90
SALTON EI17 'Entertainer' heated trolley with genuine wood veneer	144.95

Toasters

	Comet Price inc. VAT
INDESIT 2T1 2 slice	12.90
INDESIT 4T2 4 slice	17.95
MORPHY RICHARDS 'Wunnibest' 202 2 slice	12.95
MORPHY RICHARDS 'Wheatsheaf' 201 4 slice	18.95
PHILIPS HD4129 chrome 2 slice	23.90
PHILIPS HD4540 (Textured) 2 slice	13.90
PHILIPS HD4561 2 slice	18.25
SALTON T31 2 slice	11.25
SALTON T60 4 slice	16.95

Food Mixers

	Comet Price inc. VAT
KRUPS 328 'Top-Mix' hand held	9.29
MOULINEX 993 hand held	8.25
MOULINEX 750 variable speed with spiral bowl	37.95
MOULINEX 396 with stand, bowl and liquidiser	23.95
PHILIPS HR 1393/1480 hand held	12.25
PHILIPS HR1191/1483 stand + bowl	18.25
PHILIPS HR2694, 4 in one kitchen machine inc. liquidiser, slicer, shredder and mincer attachments	67.95
Blenders	
BRAUN MR20 Hand Blender	9.25
MOULINEX 518 Hand Blender	8.25
MOULINEX 558 Blender Mill (8.4L)	18.25
PHILIPS HR 1370/EL 6803 Blender (1 Litre)	13.75
Food Processors	
BRAUN UK20 Multipractic Deluxe	57.90
MAGIMIX RC1 auto-speed control	84.90
MOULINEX 616 Multi-chef	29.90
MOULINEX 663 Masterchef	39.90
PHILIPS HR2224 with pulse action	26.95
ROBOT CHEF 2	57.95

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	Litres	Comet Price inc. VAT
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KRUPS T5152 with beeper alert	1.4	17.25
KRUPS T5156 with gold-plated filter	1.4	23.95
KRUPS T5256 with gold-plated filter	1.0	12.95
PHILIPS HD5334	1.2	15.25
PHILIPS HD5338	1.5	23.95
PHILIPS HD5744	1.2	16.50
SALTON CM51	1.2	13.95
SALTON CM71		
SALTON CM80/1 with gold plated filter	1.5	18.95
SALTON EI61 Espresso and Cappuccino coffee maker		29.75
SONA PI33 Deluxe Percolator	1.5	19.95

Electric Kettles

	Pints	Comet Price inc. VAT
Jug Kettles		
DIMPLEX 607D Autojug	2.6	12.50
DIMPLEX 606 Autojug	2.6	14.25
INDESIT WJ3 Autojug	3	16.95
MELLERWARE Autojug	3	12.75
MELLERWARE Autojug 187 with water level indicator	3	14.25
PHILIPS HD4355/56 Autojug	3	14.75
SWAN 00135 'Big-V' Jug auto	3	15.25
SWAN 00137/7 'Duramax' Jug auto	3	15.95
SWAN Slimline Deluxe Autojug	3	17.25
SWAN Slimline Jug auto	3	14.25
Standard Kettles		
DIMPLEX 703 Chrome auto	3	15.50
DIMPLEX 702D Auto/cut auto	3	23.95
DIMPLEX 702D Auto/cut auto	3	8.95
MELLERWARE 558CP	3	12.75
MELLERWARE (Textured) auto	3	14.95
MELLERWARE SM2 auto	3	15.95
MELLERWARE SM18 S/S auto	3	14.75
SWAN 'Elan' auto	3	12.50
SWAN 105 Chrome auto	3	11.90

Irons

	Comet Price inc. VAT
Dry Irons	
MORPHY RICHARDS Travel Iron	8.95
MORPHY RICHARDS 'Euro'	10.25
MORPHY RICHARDS 'DrySpray'	18.25
SUNBEAM 130 Travel/spray	
Steam Irons	
INDESIT SD1	22.50
MORPHY RICHARDS 'Euro' 103	13.25
PHILIPS HD1251	13.25
ROWENTA DA71	14.25
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INDESIT SS1 with variable steam control	13.95
MORPHY RICHARDS 'Euro' 102	13.90
PHILIPS HD1253	16.25
ROWENTA DA72	14.25
ROWENTA DA21	18.50
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MORPHY RICHARDS 'Euro' 101	15.25
MORPHY RICHARDS 'Euro' 2000	21.95
PHILIPS HD1353	18.25
PHILIPS HD1258 'Superstream'	28.50
ROWENTA DA15 'Power Steam'	22.95

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BRAUN LS40R Duo, cool/hot brush	9.25
BRAUN GCI 'Independent' styling tong (Gas operated)	9.50
BRAUN LCI 'Independent' styling brush (Gas operated)	11.50
BRAUN LS38 Shimstyle Hotbrush	6.25
CARMEN CT280 styling brush	4.50
PHILIPS HP4407 Finesse hotbrush	3.50
PHILIPS HP4425 Finesse hotbrush	7.25
PHILIPS HP4420/4431 Finesse steam hotbrush	6.50
VIDAL SASSOON 304 Hotbrush	4.50
VIDAL SASSOON 305 Hotbrush/tong	6.25
Hairdryers	Watts	
BRAUN P1500 'Silencio'	1500	11.50
BRAUN PS1200 'Silencio' styling set	1200	13.95
BRAUN PS1600 'Silencio'	1600	15.25
KRUPS 416	1600	9.25
PHILIPS HP4302	550	4.90
PHILIPS 4306 'Melody'	1000	7.95
PHILIPS HP4327 'Royal'	1200	8.25
PHILIPS HP4328 'Super'	1500	15.95
VIDAL SASSOON 101	1200	6.95
Rollers		
CARMEN BD211 'Curlies' 20 heated		16.25
CARMEN BS20 'Cascade' 20 heated		23.95

Electric Shavers

	Comet Price inc. VAT
Battery	
BRAUN Battery 100	11.25
PHILIPS HP 1207 deluxe	9.50
PHILIPS HP1208 pocket portable	11.95
REMINGTON XLR500 microcentre	12.25
Mains	
*All models starred are dual voltage.	
*BRAUN Synchron Club 212	14.25
*BRAUN Micron S	23.95
*BRAUN Micron plus	24.90
*BRAUN 3075, Sixtant 1-2-3	34.95
*PHILIPS HP1615 Philishave 3 head	18.95
*PHILIPS HP1604 Philishave 3 head	23.95
*REMINGTON XLR800 microscreen	18.95
Rechargeable	
BRAUN Synchron 252	18.25
BRAUN Micron 420/2501 Universal	34.50
PHILIPS HP1329 Philishave 3 head	24.95
PHILIPS HP1339 Philishave 3 head	37.95
REMINGTON XLR900 microscreen deluxe	26.95
Ladyshavers	
BRAUN Lady Elegance (battery)	8.25
BRAUN LE2 Lady Elegance (mains)	12.25
CARMEN SN455 'smoothie' (battery)	7.25
PHILIPS HP2220 Ladyshave (battery)	7.25
PHILIPS HP2611 (mains)	12.25

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	Watts	Comet Price inc. VAT
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GLEN G2000T Convector 2 kW		16.25
Fan Heaters	Watts	
CONSORT FHM2	1 kW	13.95
GLEN 422 with thermostat	1 kW	18.95
KRUPS 658	2 kW	14.25
KRUPS 658 5 point variable thermostat	1 kW	16.25
PHILIPS 3255	2 kW	17.50
PHILIPS 3234 with thermostat	3 kW	23.95
SALTON 40NT with anti-freeze control	2 kW	15.25
SALTON 56NT with anti-freeze control	2 kW	14.95
Fuel Effect Fires		
GLEN 'Rex'		34.95
GLEN 'Tudor'		67.90

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ADAM Baby listener cordless design	19.95
BRAUN D3 rechargeable toothbrush	29.95
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KRUPS 202 coffee mill	7.95
MOULINEX 724 can opener	9.95
PHILIPS 2472 can opener	9.25
PHILIPS HP3609 infrared knife sharpener	11.25
SODASTREAM 'Classic' drinks maker	18.25
SWAN 882 Compact Toastmaster	35.50
VORTICE 15/6 fan, 6" wall/window fitting	32.95
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MOULINEX 246	8.25
MOULINEX 658 + frozen food blades	9.95

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DIMPLEX DUB11 3 heat double 'Sooty'	18.25
DIMPLEX DUB18 3 heat double, dual control	23.95
DIMPLEX DSW1 fast warmer	9.95
DREAMLAND EM31P 3 heat single	16.95
DREAMLAND EM32P 3 heat double	23.95
DREAMLAND EL43P 4 heat double with dual controls	34.90
SUNBEAM 9128S Single	9.95
SUNBEAM 9121D Double	11.95
SUNBEAM 9531S 3 heat single	13.50
SUNBEAM 9532D 3 heat double	14.95
SUNBEAM SMP1 Heat pad	9.95
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DREAMLAND GA61 Electronic	37.50
DREAMLAND GA62 Electronic	47.95
SUNBEAM 110 single	29.50
SUNBEAM 112 dual control double	37.50

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	Comet Price inc. VAT
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	Comet Price inc. VAT
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D810 10" strimmer "Auto-feed"	24.99
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GC300 12 in. hedge trimmer	34.99
GS400 16 in. hedge trimmer	39.95
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DECCACOLOUR DN1674 14 in. White	159.90
FERGUSON 3T140 14 in.	162.90
FERGUSON 3T149 14 in. operates on 12V battery or mains	199.95
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SOLAVOX 1481S9 14 in.	169.95
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**SOLAVOX 148J19 14 in.	199.90
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SOLAVOX 20S19	234.90
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DECCACOLOUR DT8496	264.90
PHILIPS 2236	269.90
SOLAVOX 20R19	269.95
20 in. Teletext Remote Control	
PHILIPS 2636	339.90
SOLAVOX 20T19	324.90
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ITT CT2601	294.99
SOLAVOX 22S19	269.90
22 in. Remote Control	
DECCACOLOUR DV8498	304.90
FERGUSON 22RC	389.99
ITT CT2425	359.99
PHILIPS 5240	329.90
SOLAVOX 22R19	309.98
22 in. Teletext Remote Control	
SOLAVOX 22T19	369.90
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FERGUSON 37J75	454.99
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GOODMANS VCR181	319.95
GRUNDIG VS180	329.90
ITT VR3906	369.90
With Remote Control	
AKAI VS30R	409.90
FERGUSON 3V45	409.90
ITT VR3916	389.90
MARANTZ MV340IT	359.90
PHILIPS VR6463	386.90
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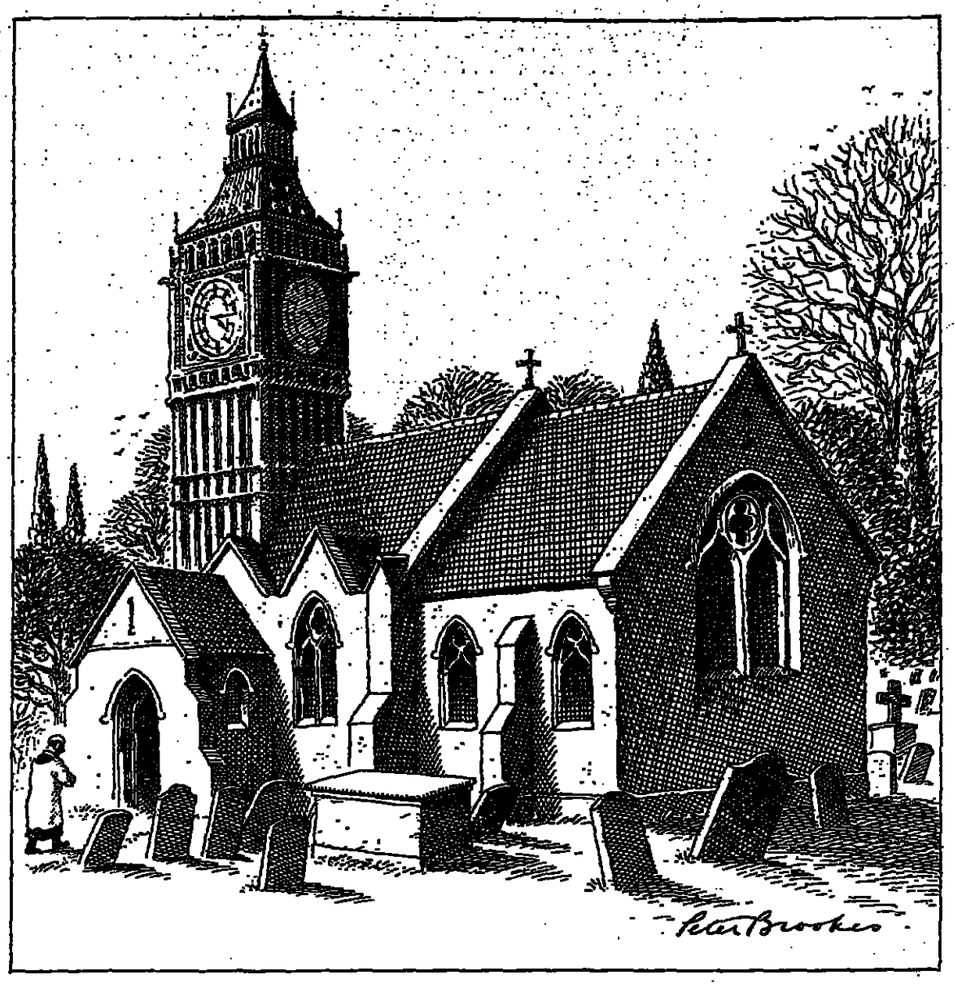
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Keeping God's house in order

The Times Profile: The Church of England
Part 2: The future

The Anglican Church's frequent conflict with the State is at odds with its dependence upon Westminster, argues Clifford Longley



The Church of England has to find answers to three of the most difficult questions it has ever faced: whether it *should ordain women as* priests, whether the Virgin Birth and the literal "empty tomb" version of the Resurrection are obligatory doctrine, and whether to go ahead *with Anglican-Roman* Catholic unity.

All three are on the agenda of the General Synod for the next five years, and are causing anxiety in the parishes *with growing polarization* of opinion. In each case, some faction or other is using language like "the end of the road", "the last straw", "the edge of the abyss". Whatever solution is found to these intractable problems, a significant *part of the Anglican church will* feel estranged and betrayed by the discovery that the church isn't quite what they thought it was.

Meanwhile the church's sense of *insecurity will not be helped by the* inevitable annual round of statistics of church membership, showing further falls in the numbers baptised, confirmed and married in the church, and attending services each Sunday. But somehow the morale of *the active church-going section of* the population, and of the clergy particularly, has learnt to insulate itself from the impact of this diminishing statistical base.

If the Church of England can still confidently talk of itself as "the *national church" with less than 3 per* cent of the population regularly attending its services, it can maybe still talk like that with less than 2 per cent, or 1 per cent. The church could in fact survive with zero per cent, for it has the buildings, the manpower, *and the money. At some point,* however, the nation may begin to ask why one particular (and declining) organization should speak of itself so.

Opinion polls suggest, nevertheless, that the public likes the arrangement: it is reassuring to know the Church of England is there. Even if no use is made of its facilities nor credence given to what it stands for, "C of E" remains what *the majority of English people call* themselves if asked. It is an attitude which ranks the church among the public utilities, like gas or electricity, or occasionally among the emergency services, like the police or fire brigade.

It is, *in some sense,* "free", and provided by the state. As such, it ought to be on the Government's hit list for privatization, but the temptation has been resisted in Westminster so far. Every confrontation between the church and the Government, however, widens a little further the fatigue fracture in the church-state relationship, making the unthinkable questions of 10 years ago that little more thinkable.

The church itself is likely to be more preoccupied with the immediate issues. It is anybody's bet whether it will or will not finally approve the innovation of women priests: whatever it does, however, a lot of its clientele is going to be disgusted. The Bishop of London has talked of a split, with the *opponents of women priests running* a rival church. Which of the two will be entitled to call itself the Church of England will be a lawyer's nightmare, and goldmine.

It is more clear how the church will try to settle the quarrel over fundamental doctrine, as raised by the Bishop of Durham's consecration last year. The House of Bishops is already working on an agreed statement, and the indi*cations are that the Bishop of* Durham will be able to sign it. That will mean that the lowest common denominator definition of Anglicanism will have been lowered further, to the great distress of the church's conservatives who are already talking of heresy and schism.

On unity with the Roman Catholics, the prayer of the great majority of Anglican churchmen seems to be that the prospect will *stay remote, so that they can* favour the principle, and vote in favour of it if they belong to some part of the decision-making structure, while never having to live with the consequences. It is the ecumenical version of St Augustine's famous prayer "Make me chaste, Lord, but not today".

On all three issues, the outcome will largely depend on the alliances and in-fighting which goes on between the various parties in the church. The main three are the Evangelicals, the Anglo-Catholics, and the liberals. The Evangelicals are in the ascendancy, *with at least half of the students in* theological colleges (training for the ministry) of that persuasion. In their purest form they are represented by Dr David Samuel, secretary of the senior Evangelical body, the Church Society. The Anglo-Catholics in their purest form are represented by the Church Union, whose secretary is Father Peter Geldard: and the liberals by the Dean of Emmanuel, the Rev Don Cupitt.

Evangelicals have their own theological colleges, newspaper, missionary society, publishing houses, *and organizations. An* average Evangelical would not be 100 per cent a "Samuel" man; though he would be a zero per cent "Cupitt" man. It is they who are most upset by the Bishop of Durham. They are mostly prepared *rather warily to countenance the* possibility that "Geldard" may have something to offer too, with a long list of reservations and conditions. What matters most to an Evangeli*cal is not the 39 Articles but the* Bible. Their favourite adjective for themselves, now, is not "Protestant" nor even "Evangelical" but "Biblical".

Evangelicals have a particular view of the history of the Church of *England. There was no important* history to speak of between Augustine of Hippo of the fifth century, and Luther of the sixteenth. The Reformation was thus like a line drawn across the page of English history, separating all that went *before from all that came after. The* English Reformers "got it right," by luck, judgement, or divine favour, and God had chosen the English to be special.

The Settlement of Elizabeth I is what keeps Cupitt, Samuel, and Geldard in the same church. The formula for religious peace in England was that there should be *one national church, and member*ship was to be compulsory. But it was to have such a wide definition of membership that no one, whatever their religious views, Catholic or Protestant, could object to this enforced participation (they did). It was a unitary theory of church and state, with common citizenship of both and with the sovereign and Parliament in charge. Disloyalty to the church would be construed as disloyalty to the state: so until the 19th century, no Roman Catholic could take a commission in the army, no Nonconformist take a seat in Parliament.

Of the three, only Cupitt represents the Age of the Enlightenment and thereafter. But he stands for an important extension of the concept of Anglicanism, that it should also be a civilized and reasonable religion. It had room for doubt and philosophical speculation as well as for High churchmen and Prot*estants; and there grew up a new* "party" in the church, liberalism. The church emerged as a purely human society of like-minded individuals, not the sort of body that ought to have authority over them. There is no Anglican infallibility.

Anglicans are a bit uneasy about their origins: Henry VIII was not a founding father to be proud of. The *Church of England, because it* operates without boundaries to the rest of society and without conditions of membership, is washed by the same tides of scepticism and religious uncertainty that have swept through society generally. That applies also to scepticism about the authority of the church.

England's reduced place in the world makes it seem rather far-fetched that this small society of like-minded individuals is the "one true church". So one phrase never heard on Anglican lips is that "the church teaches . . ." for self-doubt holds it back.

*Neither the Archbishop of Canter*bury with all the bishops gathered round him nor the General Synod in its most emphatic mood can commit the Church of England to any view on anything. And that fact, which seemed reasonable and necessary *when the church and nation were* virtually identical and all views were Anglican views, is now a great weakness when the church is one community among many, one more point of view for newspapers to report and governments to listen too. If it has no point of view, it is not heard. What is heard is the next best thing, the General Synod's view or the view of some board or department, *which is instantly open* to the challenge of not being *representative or of having no* authority beyond the merits of its argument.

This is the context in which the Church of England has found itself, on a series of occasions in the 1980s, abused in Parliament and out of favour with *the Government* and a large section of society for failing to lend approval to the policy of the day. The Archbishop of Canterbury, and the Dean and Chapter of St Paul's, failed to hold a victory service after the Falklands campaign, going instead for a rather down-beat ceremony whose message was unclear.

The General Synod has flirted with unilateral nuclear disarmament, *compromising eventually* with a formula both for and against Britain's nuclear strategy. It had no discernible effect on British policy. Last year it tried the patience of the Government even further, with the Bishop of Durham's famous out*burst on the miners'* strike and Dr Runcie's subsequent interview in *The Times* implicitly challenging Mrs Thatcher on the eve of the Conservative Party conference.

There have been numerous more minor irritations before and since. *But if the theme of these church* utterances is clear enough – compromise is better than confrontation – so is the theme of the response from the other side. It is a reaction of annoyed indignation, not so much at the content of the advice offered, but at the fact of its being offered at all. Under the ground rules of Anglicanism, it says, what right has one group to tell another group that its policies are wrong? *What superior source of moral* judgement has a bishop (appointed on the advice of the Prime Minister) or a committee (appointed by an archbishop) that entitles it to pontificate?

That word is the clue. Pontification is by definition a papal function. And Parliament has *withheld from the Church of* England the papal element in the church's constitution. It is indeed a papal church, but the papacy resides collectively in the sovereign-in-Parliament, not in the bishops in synod. The Pope, in the Church of England, *is the collective will which resides in* the Palace of Westminster. Westminster exercises the sovereign's judgement, on the sovereign's behalf, as "defender of the faith".

The *General Synod* remains a subsidiary body, whose power to *bind and loose has no sanction until* Parliament says so. As late as 1974, for instance, Parliament defined the doctrine of the Church of England to be that which was contained in the Book of Common Prayer, which the church has no power to alter. In 1984, *Parliament refused to allow a* change in the procedures for the purely nominal election of a new bishop. And the Church of England may not proceed to the ordination of women unless Parliament says so.

It is surely obvious that a Parliament *which has refused to* grant the church authority to decide *its own doctrine*, or to tidy its legal procedures, has not granted the church the power to hold forth to it on matters of morality, let alone on economic policy. It is no wonder Parliament is nonplussed by the church's recent record in political controversy. *Arrogantly and brashly* stated though it sometimes is by the more outspoken Conservative MPs, the underlying reproach: "Who do they think they are?" has a ring of truth.

This is Establishment, at its most *subtle and tortuous, and painful for* the church. For however right or wrong it may be when it involves itself in the political free-for-all of national debate, it is undeniably a community wrestling with and motivated by strongly felt religious convictions – which is more than can be said for Parliament.

Yet, surprisingly, there is hardly any will in the church to free itself to become autonomous. There is an instinct which draws it back, as if autonomy might somehow cut the throat of what keeps Anglicanism together. Establishment confers status and privilege, and an *automatic edge over any other* church, particularly the rival Roman Catholic Church, so hard to come to terms with, so confident in its title deeds, so sure it has authority, so glamorous in its mega-star papacy.

Without Establishment, would Anglicanism split or wither; would it find itself? Would it have anywhere to go but back to Rome, the only alternative papacy on offer? Without Parliament and the Crown, is there even such a thing as Anglicanism? What would Samuel, and Geldard, and Cupitt, have in common?

But as it is, the Church of England *has an assured future. It has £1.6* billion in the coffers of the Church Commissioners to pay its salaries and stipends; it has a role in the lives of millions, in their marrying and their burying; it has a valuable function, counselling and comfort*ing the distraught and distressed;* and it has selfless and dedicated service to offer. It brings religion within reach of millions, and satisfies enough of the people enough of the time to stay in business for a century or more.

What it cannot have, however, is a definition of itself. If its supreme *authority, its papacy, is the Parlia*ment of Westminster, then Anglicanism is whatever Parliament cares to say it is. Parliament, in turn, is only the penultimate authority, for the foundation of political power is the electorate, the people of the United Kingdom. *In the end,* Anglicanism is whatever the nation wants it to be. But it cannot at the same time sit in judgement on the nation. If it wants that right and privilege, it will have to become a church.

TOMORROW

A Church of contrasts: The bishop and the curate at home

The frissons of forecasting

Of all the attempts to predict *the weather well ahead, few* attract more interest than forecasts of what the coming winter will be like. This year, the cold spells in November have added extra piquancy to this popular speculation.

Folklore abounds with guidance about how to forecast mild or cold winters. Brave folk in the meteorological community are also prepared to chance *their reputations by publishing* forecasts, while research climatologists probe deep into the workings of the global weather system to see whether reliable *seasonal guides can be pre*pared.

All these efforts rely on the assumption that any sequence of seasonal weather, like this *year's miserable summer and* brilliant autumn, are part of a pattern and will have a predictable impact in subsequent seasons. Francis Bacon first recorded:

Generally a moist and cool summer portends a hard winter. While for autumn it is said: Clear autumn, windy winter: Warm autumn, long winter.

There are also many old country sayings about the erratic arrival of migrating birds.



But the assumption that there* are definable sequences in seasonal weather patterns is not supported by local meteorological statistics. Nor is there *evidence to justify the country*man's belief that abundant berries is nature's way of providing for a cold winter. Wildlife simply reflects what *the weather has been like. So* only by finding more sophisticated ways of examining weather patterns can it be decided whether it is possible to *make seasonal forecasts.

One attempt at this is to combine available statistics on rainfall and temperature for England and Wales going back to the beginning of the 18th century with observations about broad atmospheric patterns coupled to the jet stream around the northern hemisphere. For a number of years Robert Rat*cliffe, former head of the* Meteorological Office's long-range weather forecasting group, together with Ned Davis, a one-time colleague, have published forecasts of this type in the Royal Meteorological Society's magazine *Weather*.

They conclude that for this year a mild wet winter is in store.

A somewhat different approach is used by Professor Davies of Exeter University, who is prepared to publish his predictions in *Weather* as well. He has concluded that the orientation of the circumpolar vortex in the upper atmosphere during October and November is a useful guide to the coming winter. Combining this information with observations about the formation of pack ice in the North Atlantic and sea-surface temperatures in the Caribbean, he also concludes that the coming winter will be mild.

The Meteorological Office takes the view that there is no method of seasonal forecasting that gives a useful degree of success. While it is busy working on the subject because of the huge potential economic value, it has not progressed beyond saying that, only on about one third of occasions, can it forecast something useful. Perhaps folklore should have the last word:

If there is ice in November
that will bear a duck,
There'll be nothing after but
sludge and muck.

Thus traditional wisdom points to a mild winter. But the rug can be pulled from under it by noting *that during the past* 300 years cold Novembers have been followed by cold winters as often as by mild ones.

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Jaruzelski – puppet, patriot or politician?

Four years after he declared martial law Poland's leader is trying to step into a statesman's niche. Roger Boyes reports



East meets West: Jaruzelski at the Elysée palace

Warsaw Pact sessions are an interesting study in political body language. The public bearhug embraces of Polish and Soviet generals are not quite as hot and sticky as during the early Brezhnev era, but there is *still a great deal of military* bonhomie. Generals grip each other's biceps through their greatcoats and shout greetings lost in the wind of the airport *tarmac.*

It takes an effort at times like these to remember that many of the Polish top brass – including General Wojciech Jaruzelski *and defence minister Florian* Siwicki – lost their parents in the Soviet Union, where they were deported, sometimes killed, during the war.

Perhaps the comment *which* most hurt General Jaruzelski during the East-West war of rhetoric was Caspar Weinberger's judgement that he was a "Russian in a Polish uniform". But that was indeed how it seemed to many Poles, certainly in the first few months after the declaration of martial law four years ago today.

Martial law was lifted in July 1983 *and 16 months later, in* November, General Jaruzelski stepped down as premier and is now trying to edge into a statesman's niche. Chief of the Communist Party, newly elected chairman of the Council *of State – effectively president –* he has extricated himself from the debilitating day-to-day running of the economy. Despite a bouquet of generals in the centre of power, the military has largely withdrawn from *government.*

Yet the question about Jaruzelski is as candescent as ever: is the man a patriot or a puppet?

The General's supporters paint the following scenario: in *the winter of 1981, the gulf* between the two sides, the authorities and Solidarity, had become unbridgeable. The most likely outcome was a fratricidal war, in which the Soviet Union *would have intervened, crush*ing hopes of even limited economic and political reform for a generation or more. Thus, runs this argument, the General *not only saved Poland but also* the cause of reform.

The general's opponents refuse to accept the view that Poland was "on the brink of anarchy". He had adopted the Soviet perception of Polish events too easily and in leading an Army crackdown served Soviet interests. The most bitter critics go further and claim that the general was acting on orders.

The general is a batsman who plays for a draw

Most Poles now tend to support the patriot rather than puppet label, but the flaw with both explanations is that they *assume a kind of political* innocence which the general has never had. The Poles willing to accept him as a true patriot must believe that he was essentially a man of the moment, thrown up by the *Polish crisis, reluctantly accept*ing the premiership in February 1981, even more reluctantly taking over the reins of the Communist Party the following October. The Poles who still think of Jaruzelski in Wein*berger's category, as a disguised* Russian, must also regard the general as a dupe.

The facts, however, reveal a rather politically ambitious man, by no means a simple soldier. *After Germany and* Russia took their preliminary bites of Poland in 1939, his family was deported first to Lithuania then to Siberia. His *father died in a labour camp in* 1943, the same year that the young Jaruzelski joined the Army of General Zygmunt Berling, a Polish Army under *Soviet command. Its officer* corps was to form the backbone of the Polish military after the war.

By the end of the war *Jaruzelski* was clearly earmarked for the political hierarchy in the army. He was sent for training in the Soviet Union, returned as a commissar and accelerated his way to chief of staff. In 1960, at 37, he became the youngest general in the Polish Army. Four months before the invasion of Czechoslovakia, in 1968, he was made Minister of Defence.

That year taught the General two important political lessons. *First was that any major* challenge to socialism was a signal to the Soviet tank regiments to start revving their engines. Second, the General had been co-opted into a discredited government, tarnished by anti-semitic politicking, by street violence and by the weakening autocracy of party leader Wladyslaw Gomulka.

"It was the end of the general's political innocence", recalls a party historian. "Since then he has been a player in the political game."

The Army, under Jaruzelski's command, had started to penetrate public affairs in the early 1970s; these were the seeds of martial law. Already in 1972, a general and a colonel had been seconded to the Ministry of Education and the Warsaw military police had been extending their range well beyond the simple tasks of *protecting the Army.*

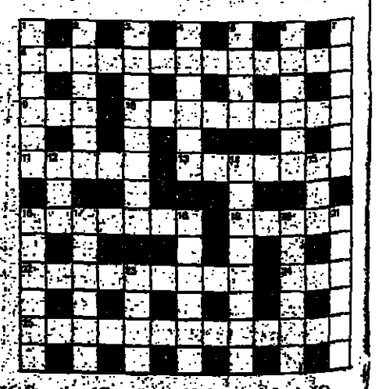
Those promoted into Jaruzelski's closest circle jealously protect the aura around him and try to bolster the image of the patriot. Occasionally they slip out personal data to show *that the general is not an* automaton: his wife, Barbara, is a lecturer in German at Warsaw University and a former dancer; his daughter Monika is a student. He lives modestly in the Warsaw suburb of Mokotow, he holidays in an Army rest house the Polish lake district.

The fact is that the general has made a political career out of blocking; he is a batsman who plays for a draw. He has outflanked hardliners who, it seems, used the murder of Solidarity chaplain Father Jerzy Popieluszko, as an attempt to destabilize the Jaruzelski government. But he has also sent any over-zealous reformers into the political outback. Visit a Polish ambassador abroad nowadays and one often stumbles against a politician exiled by the general.

Moscow has learned to accept the unorthodox solution to Poland's problems, and has swallowed its distrust of "Bonapartist" military men in the Polish establishment. Whatever the general's motives for declaring martial law, Moscow has won the most from it. It has a relatively quiet, relatively stable ally, a solution to the solidarity "counter revolution" bought at no cost to Soviet lives.

Now the general's priority is to build up the prestige of the Communist Party: that is also the wish of Moscow. However unpopular it is there and *in* Warsaw to quote the late Chinese leader Mao Zedong, his famous lesson has not been forgotten during the relentless rise of Wojciech Jaruzelski: "Power grows out of the barrel of the gun. Our principle is that the party commands the gun and the gun shall never be allowed to command the party".

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10 Bloodthirsty (9)
11 Casts off (5)
13 Gloom (7)
16 Beginner (7)
19 Comb prongs (5)
22 Hatching box (9)
24 Obstruct (3)
25 Hugo's Valjean novel (3,10)

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1 Speak together (6)
2 Squirm (6)
3 Sturdy (8)
4 Punched (6)
5 Irritate (4)
6 Not performed (6)
7 Sandy moors (6)
12 Strike (3)
14 Motherly (8)
15 Rest (3)
16 Smother (6)
17 Entry (6)
18 Somewhat (6)
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THE ARTS

Television

Musical match

Art appeared as the enemy of industry in last night's documentary in the series Queens' – A Cambridge College (BBC2), which followed the fortunes of two undergraduates who shared a love of music.

For William, a grammar-school boy from the Home Counties, music was an entertaining diversion only useful for rounding out the non-essential paragraph of his CV; for Lawrence, from a Liverpool comprehensive, music presumably had greater personal importance since he decided to seek a career with it, though oddly the programme did not attempt to assess his talent or determine what significance performing held for him.

The programme was very much the fable of the grasshopper and the ant retold, with happy-go-lucky Lawrence singing all term, scorning boring jobs and pining for his fiancée while neglecting his studies, and studious William slugging on to a good degree and sifting career opportunities to find a job with the Atomic Energy Authority.

Splendid as it was to enjoy the sight of fine old university buildings and enthusiastic young student faces, the programme could have probed its subject more deeply.

Class was virtually a taboo area, with no question asked to discover if Lawrence had mislaid his regional accent *en route* from his family's council maisonette, or to find out how he responded to the endemic snobbery of his chosen field.

The friendship between the two musicians seemed superficial itself, with the pair asserting that they took the same view of life when they plainly did not, and showing little pleasure in each other's company. It seemed a brief liaison of common interests rather than a marriage of like minds.

Many of the previous institutional portraits by the BBC had been made in the pseudo-*cinéma-vérité* style made famous by the series *Sailor*. This was one step closer to an authored documentary with an interviewer who was heard but not seen. Had the programme committed itself more fully to one or other of these styles it could have been more revealing.

Celia Brayfield

After Katharine Hepburn, Cary Grant and a leopard in *Bringing Up Baby* comes a chimpanzee to form another *ménage à trois* in Nagisa Oshima's new film, *Max, mon amour*, now finishing shooting in Paris: David Robinson reports

Masterly touch with monkey business



Oshima on set with everyone's pet

"It's so wonderfully Parisian", exults Serge Silberman, the producer, as he screens the rough cut of *Max, mon amour*, which has a Japanese director, English stars, dialogue and technical expertise, and a Polish-born producer/begetter.

As one of the few truly creative producers, Silberman is an historic figure. He has made only 15 films in 37 years, but they included works like Jacques Becker's *Le Trou*, Jean-Pierre Melville's *Bob le flambeur* and most recently Akira Kurusawa's majestic *Ran*, the Japanese *Lear*. The most memorable peak of Silberman's career however was his friendship and collaboration with Luis Buñuel, which resulted in the series of films that brought Buñuel his greatest fame and commercial success when he was already in his seventies. Had Silberman not had a serious car accident in 1981, he reckons there would have been at least one more Buñuel picture.

It was during one of his 27 trips to Tokyo in the course of preparing *Ran* that Silberman met Nagisa Oshima. Silberman admired Oshima's films (they include *The Ceremony*, *Empire of the Senses* and *Merry Christmas, Mr Lawrence*), and Oshima knew Silberman's reputation and particularly the role he played in Buñuel's career. Silberman at once had the idea of a collaboration between Oshima and Jean-Claude Carrière, who had worked on all Buñuel's scripts for Silberman.

They hit it off at once: "We are about the same age and see things the same way", says Oshima. The script that resulted might well have suited Buñuel himself. It describes the anxieties of a bourgeois but reasonably broad-minded husband when he discovers that his wife is having secret rendezvous with a chimpanzee. The charm of the film is that neither he nor the audience is ever certain just how far matters have gone between the chimp and the discreet and beautiful lady. The rest of the film is about the adoption question and the adjustment of the family and their social circle.

Oshima approaches his bizarre story very much in the spirit of Buñuel, with poker-faced, matter-of-fact realism and a direct, classical, uncluttered style: "Too much technique would have made it heavy." The film is comic and ironic, yet (and this is perhaps where a Buñuel treatment would have been different) often very touching when it treats the vulnerability of the animal and the emotional confusions of the characters.

Oshima, Silberman and Carrière were agreed from the start that the husband faced with this curious marital problem had to be British: "A young Niven or Guinness". The choice fell on Anthony Higgins. Charlotte Rampling brings the proper air of mystery to the role of the wife. Oshima was convinced the choice was right when he said to her one day: "This is a very stupid question, but do you like David Bowie?"

"Yes, but why do you ask?"

"Because I find you very much alike."

"Yes, I know."

They are both, Oshima explains, "Aliens – some kind of angel creatures. Also they are both very direct and simple. They don't really act, they are themselves. I prefer to cast people for what they are rather than ask them to play roles."

The casting of Max the chimpanzee was vital. Oshima soon discovered that real chimpanzees are unpredictable and dangerous, so turned to a British team of technical wizards, and to Elsa Burke, a dancer and acrobat who played one of the monkeys in *Greystoke*.

On screen this amazing simian performance appears absolutely effortless. Behind the scenes Max requires a personal team of seven to supervise dressing, make-up and the mechanical operation of various features and limbs. "Max has a strange effect on the crew. The moment he comes on the set they are all more quiet and considerate, because they know Elsa has a more difficult job than any of them."

"Fifteen years ago when I made *The Ceremony* I never imagined it possible that I would work in Europe." The most striking change in Oshima over the past five years is his newly-acquired and quite unimhibited command of English. "*Merry Christmas, Mr Lawrence* was a wonderful English lesson, though rather a costly one."

He finds no problems in the transition from Japanese to European studios. "All over the world technical people have the same faces, and the sound men are always as neurotic." He was apprehensive about working with the great veteran director of photography Raoul Coutard. "I thought he would be a temperamental artist; but he turned out to be wonderfully kind and helpful, with an absolutely artisanal approach."

The big difference is the hours. "In Japan we work from nine to five with an hour for lunch. Here they start with lunch at 11, then work through from 12 to 7.30. Not at all like England with all your refreshment breaks. English film crews are always eating. The French are always kissing each other."

The crew in turn was surprised by Oshima's working method. He shoots swiftly and decisively and hates to do more than one take of anything. "In real life you only live each moment once: I want to get it right the first time." He rehearses the actors very little, and never for close-ups. "If you choose the right actors you can trust them." He hired an animal expert for a scene with dogs. "He wanted to rehearse. I told him, 'If you're an expert you don't need to rehearse. That's why I hired you.' He turned quite white, but he did it without rehearsing, and the dogs were perfect every time."

This week Oshima is shooting the last fill-in shots, and will finish ahead of his 13-week schedule. Long shoots bore him. "Buñuel was just the same", says Silberman, who may, one feels, at last have found a director to take the place of his lamented old friend and best collaborator.

Dance

London Contemporary
Sadler's Wells

This week's programme by London Contemporary Dance Theatre at Sadler's Wells shows a practical response to the high cost of musicians. The evening begins with solo piano, Eleanor Alberga playing John Adams's *Phrygian Gates* to accompany Siobhan Davies's *New Galileo*. She is joined by Nicola Lewis, violin, and Caroline Dale, cello, for Christopher Bannerman's new *Shadows in the Sun* which is set to music by Frank Bridge (Trio No 2 and some shorter works). Finally, Barry Guy plays his own *Statements II* for double bass on stage for Robert Cohan's *No Man's Land*.

Musically it is an interesting as well as economical evening: from a particularly lively example of minimalism, through lyricism, to sounds which some people might describe unkindly as diabolical. Perhaps that quality is what inspired Cohan to choose the story of Orpheus and Eurydice as his starting point.

As narrative it is perfunctory, and Cohan cheats the ending even more outrageously than Offenbach did, but with an athletic Orpheus in Patrick Harding-Irmer, a supple Eurydice in Lauren Potter, and high camp designs by Peter Farmer it makes an effective bit of theatrical hocus-pocus. (Apologies to Mr Farmer, incidentally, whose name was converted by a telephone line to Palmer in Monday's *Nutcracker* notice from Manchester).

In *New Galileo*, the drama comes entirely from the dance images of exploration, enhanced by the simple, imaginative design of David Buckland and Peter Mumford which, like the whole evening, makes much play with light. This abstract dance piece is the most satisfying of the evening, given concentration.

Shadows in the Sun takes characters from *Women in Love* but tries to echo "the universality of Lawrence's themes". Andrew Storer's designs follow this inflated vagueness: a real door is placed in a wishy-washy background of horizontal coloured strips: Never-Never-Land.

In this context, or lack of it, choreographic ingenuity and the intense, dedicated playing of a strong cast go for very little. Various confrontations snatch momentary attention but the relationships do not build. When Harding-Irmer and Charlotte Kirkpatrick suffer their closing agonies, it seems a con-trick: this tragedy comes from nowhere.

John Percival

Concerts

LPO/Rattle
Festival Hall

The great performers are those who can grasp difficult music so completely that it sounds utterly natural, and examine easy music so thoroughly that it begins to sound rather strange. Simon Rattle did both on Tuesday in a splendid concert with the London Philharmonic Orchestra that put Berg's Violin Concerto alongside Rachmaninov's Second Symphony, which might have seemed an exceedingly unlikely coupling had one not had the warning of Mr Rattle's recording of the Rachmaninov.

When the history of twentieth-century music next comes to be rewritten, it will have to find a place for this towering work, whose Romantic effusiveness is, as Mr Rattle showed on record and again here in the hall, deeply qualified by self-consciousness.

Normally in Rachmaninov, of course, one just hears the emotion, which is there in every turn of phrase. Mr Rattle does not stint it – quite the reverse – but all the six-note floods of passion are brought into very much longer, meandering lines. In the opulent trio section to the scherzo, for instance, the violins are hardly allowed a pause for breath from one end to the other, with the result that the music makes all its expressive points but at the same time seems curiously disquiet and disquieting in its looping from one emotional state to another.

What Mr Rattle also brings out, to rather similar effect, is the extent to which Rachmaninov's movement depends on ostinato, and again the cue is obvious in the music once it has been heard: the opening of the finale is a case in point, gearing itself up to get going. There is massive exhilaration in this as Mr Rattle plays it (and as the LPO played it on Tuesday), but the sense of a giant machine at play must leave one a little more doubtful of the genuineness of what it says.

Command of ostinato (in the catastrophe movement), of line and of texture also made Mr Rattle's a memorable accompaniment for Kyung-Wha Chung's totally persuasive limpet grip on the solo part in the Berg. Attentive to detail, she was never deflected from the larger implication, the stronger theme.

Paul Griffiths

Vienna CO/ Entremont
Queen Elizabeth Hall

For all the imperfections that still pervade period-style performances of Mozart, one thing can usually be said of them that could not really be said of the Vienna Chamber Orchestra's concert devoted to that composer on Tuesday. They at least show some positive interest in Mozart's music. Here our visitors, who were playing under the direction of Philippe Entremont, seemed content to rest upon the laurels of their admittedly formidable techniques and lush sound; little imagination was brought to bear upon the music at all.

No work suffered more than the Symphony No 28 in C, a piece which though slightly overshadowed by its numeric successor nevertheless has much more to say than it was here allowed. The Andante and Menuetto were both treated heavy-handedly, and the orchestra's preference for homogeneity meant that in the latter movement even the horn solos lacked that vital raw edge to their sound. And the finale, though it was fast and crisp, was a tale of fury rather than sparkling celebration.

Entremont was himself the soloist in the Piano Concerto in E flat, K271. With its strings open to the skies (or at any rate the spotlights) and its keyboard facing the audience, the piano sounded strangely muffled, as if the soloist's left foot were permanently depressing the soft pedal. It was not, I hasten to add, but that did not prevent the performance from lumbering rather, despite some nice touches of detail from oboes and horns and a finale in whose faster sections the music really did glitter for once.

Of *Eine kleine Nachtmusik* and the Divertimento in F, K138, there is nothing whatever, alas, to say.

Stephen Pettitt

Rock

Sister Sledge
Hammersmith Odeon

Considering their progress through so many institutions, it is surprising that the four Sledge sisters remain such apparently ingenuous performers and individuals. Their time in the early 1970s as session singers at Sigma Studios, home of Gamble and Huff's stylish Philly Sound, and their subsequent emergence as stars of the fashionable Bernard Edwards/Nile Rogers *Chic Organization* in 1979, may have knocked their singing into shape, but did little to sharpen their dress sense, and, judging by Kathie's alluring state of *déshabillé* at this performance, the days when the sisters sang in church in their hometown of Philadelphia are well and truly over.

Although following the recent chart-topping success of the banal "Frankie", the show was not sold out and had an air of the low-budget production; there did not seem to be enough spotlights to keep track of the four singers, the PA was prone to making inappropriate noises during the quieter passages, and a horn section would have been a beneficial addition to the five-piece backing band.

Undeterred, the sisters turned the performance into the kind of party for which their disco-based easy-dancing soul music provides such a suitable soundtrack. As with all good parties, there was a bit of fun, as when Joni invited a fan, who had painted her portrait, on to the stage and sang "You Need Me" with her arms wrapped round his stiff shoulders. There was even a Christmas singalong, a rather feeble "Silent Night" coaxed from a reticent audience.

Despite these moments of extreme kitsch there were some strong sections as, roving the stage in a lively, unregimented fashion, they sang most of their British hits and many of the songs from their current album, *When the Boys Meet the Girls*. The title track found them at their best, with the four voices expertly harmonizing in call and response sequences.

David Sinclair

Theatre

The Cherry Orchard
Cottesloe

If one purpose emerges from Mike Alfreds's superb, multi-faceted production it is a determination to save *The Cherry Orchard* from falling into premature elegiacs. The besetting sin of English performances of Chekhov is that the final fate of the characters is telegraphed so poignantly in the opening scenes that your emotions have been drained dry long before the end.

There is no danger of such a response on this occasion, with the sound of the family's approaching train mingling with one of Ilona Sekacz's *valses oubliées* as the bleary Lopakhin staggers on, massaging a leg that has gone to sleep. The reunion is a thunderous off-stage celebration, and, when the group comes into sight, generalized good cheer is already giving way to the comic frictions of old acquaintance.

Dunyasha and Anya are locked in an ecstatic embrace, but as soon as Dunyasha mentions her latest affair of the heart Anya – still wreathed in smiles – detaches herself from the silly servant girl. From the start, Edward Petherbridge's Gayev is an icily self-regarding figure, treating Lopakhin with fastidious disdain.

This is the most passionate performance of the play I have seen. It is not so much that Mr Alfreds's company unearth many fresh points in the text (though Yasha's last-act theft of the 400 roubles is one of several justified novelties), but that they push the familiar details beyond the expected limits.

When Pischik thinks he has lost his money in the ball scene, it is usual, for the actor to register distress, go through his pockets, and find the cash. But when Roy Kinnear arrives at this moment it is as though his whole world has gone up in flames. He searches his pockets, he ransacks the room, he dodges among the dancers as if about to frisk them; and, when he at last finds the money, it brings back the threat of a heart-attack with which his scene opened.



Totally sympathetic: Ian McKellen's Lopakhin

Passion, the impulse to push a moment to the absolute limit, repeatedly leads to the creation of such beautiful self-contained patterns. Ian McKellen's Lopakhin, in the opening reunion, pledges his devotion to Ranyevskaya by taking both her hands and lifting her into an impromptu dance, thrilling with pleasure when she says "I love you" – only to find that she is addressing the book-case.

And after he embarks on the idea of selling the estate, unaware that the air is turning to ice, even he has to acknowledge his defeat when the family turn away from him with a shared gasp of delight as Firs rambles off into his account of jam-making in the old days.

As for showmanship, observe the ball scene, with every couple in character (Yasha's hand firmly planted on Dunyasha's rump), and the conjuring of Julie Legrand's Charlotta – expanded from the third act to magic tricks with Gayev's book-case, and a personal performance that showers the entranced Firs with glitter-dust as they sit together on the rustic bench.

As for the production's line of thought, it appears from the casting that a firm division is being made between those who have some business in the world and those who have not. Most obviously is this the case with McKellen's Lopakhin, a figure sometimes given to laughing and bending his knees at his own boorish jokes, but otherwise a totally sympathetic person.

At the opposite end of the scale is Laurance Rudic's Trofimov – a deadly portrait of an ageing radical – whose pretence to idealism masks the desire to impose his will on others. When he launches into lecturettes for his pupil, Anya, you can imagine the Moscow professors whose grimaces he is imitating.

Sheila Hancock's Ranyevskaya is the only doubtful piece of casting. What comes over is a deeply troubled woman who goes through life putting on a cheerful front; and who responds by a swift return to flirtatious evasions.

Paul Dart has designed the nursery in lightweight furnishings, in dust-like monochrome, backed with delicate white hangings which finally flutter down as the axes bite into the trees.

Irving Wardle

The Birdwatcher
Royal, Winchester

This theatre's connections have laboured for 12 years to fund its refurbishment, which turns out to be as handsome as was their hospitality at Tuesday evening's reopening. It seems a shame that such application should be crowned with a dud production from Century Theatre's touring company.

Feydeau is nothing if not played briskly and to the hilt, with the characters writhing between the cogs of the plot's relentless clockwork: the least uncertainty of pace sends the mechanism flying apart. Paul Gibson's production of Richard Cottrell's translation comes across as an historical curiosity, *belle époque* candyfloss in aspic, with jokes going begging down wintry dead-ends.

The Birdwatcher's major running joke, the drive wheel from which the others take their momentum, is that game old pack-horse of classic farce, thwarted adultery. A young doctor-poet named Moricet declares his passion for Leontine, the hitherto faithful wife of his best friend Duchotel whom we first see packing to leave for a weekend's shooting. Moricet tries to persuade her of her husband's infidelity, but it is only when Duchotel's supposed host pays an unexpected call that she accepts the unpalatable truth and in a fury of revenge agrees to an assignation with her admirer.

This being the never-never-land of farce, an enchanted world of unlikely misapprehension and mysteriously sound-proof doors, the would-be lovers find themselves renting a room across the landing from a similar room where Duchotel is canoodling with his own *belle de weekend*. On learning from their landlady that "when a man says he's going hunting, it means he's trying to trap his wife" Leontine suffers an access of remorse and refuses Moricet's advances.

Ronald Leek as Moricet, Francesca Folan as Leontine and Robert Swinton as Duchotel have a decent grasp of their lines, but their "asides", disastrously, are full-blooded announcements to the house. "Oh my God!" exclaims Mr Swinton, "I've forgotten to put my trousers on!" Well yes, so he has. You can see.

Martin Cropper

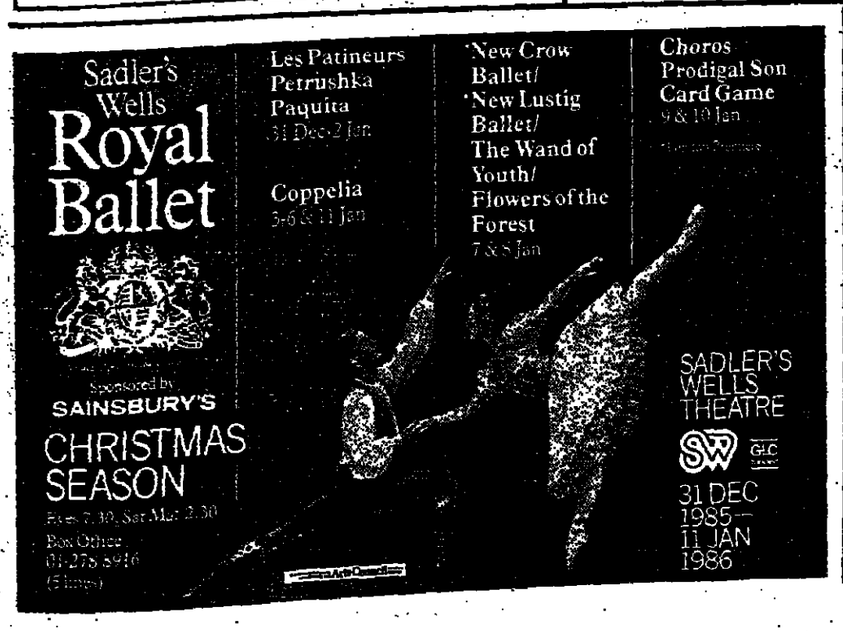
Miller directs in Italy

Jonathan Miller makes his Italian début as an opera director with *Tosca* at next year's Maggio Musicale in Florence (first night, June 17). The festival director, Zubin Mehta, conducts a cast led by Eva Marton in the title role. It is understood that Dr Miller will update Puccini's opera to the Mussolini era and that the staging will be influenced by Rossellini's classic film *Roma, città aperta*.

Mehta will also conduct a new production of *Die Meistersinger*, directed by Michael Hampe and designed by John Gunter. Lucia Popp sings Eva and Bernd Weikl is the Sachs. No one seems quite sure when *Meistersinger*, which will be sung in German, was last heard in Italy, but estimates suggest that it was more than thirty years ago (first night, June 4).

Other major events include two concerts by the English Chamber Orchestra under Vladimir Ashkenazy and two separate programmes from the Dance Theatre of Harlem. The festival opens on April 29 with Berio's *La vera storia*.





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BOOKS I

The Bard Unmask'd: Love's Labours

James Fenton reviews the latest products of the Shakespeare industry

SHAKESPEARE'S SONNETS
Edited by Stanley Wells
Oxford, £8.95

Suddenly and rather surprisingly the *Oxford Shakespeare* has hit a squall of controversy, with Gary Taylor's announcement that he's found a new Shakespeare poem. It's not a very good poem, but that, as Mr Taylor points out, makes no difference. Shakespeare had every right to compose the odd bad poem if he wanted to. Indeed, if we are going to be honest with ourselves we shall have to admit that most of us scarcely take a look at Shakespeare *poems* (sonnets excluded) from one year to the next. We don't like them. We love the songs in the plays: but we don't like things like "A Lover's Complaint":

From off a hill whose concave womb re-worded
A plaintful story from a sist'ring vale
. . .

The opening alone is enough to put you off.

So, before we get on to Stanley Wells's edition, what about that new poem? My view, in advance of reading the forthcoming TLS in which Mr Taylor is going to explain his reasoning, and somebody else is going to explain why the reasoning is wrong, runs as follows. On the one hand, the discovery would appear to confirm spectacularly the view I have long held: nothing has been lost in art or literature: it is all there, waiting to be rediscovered, and waiting in the most obvious place: the knack is, if you want to make truly important discoveries, to think of what that obvious place might be. The lost manuscript of *The Waste Land* was found in New York Public Library. That seems obvious in retrospect. A lost Fragonard was found in the Mentmore sale. The other day an unknown Hilliard was found in a frame, correctly labelled, on public view, in a country house. The only trick was to look at it and say: "Gosh, it *is* a Hilliard."

On this principle, Mr Taylor was quite right in his initial method. Where are the lost poems of Shakespeare? Well, one place to look is the Bodleian, see what has been attributed to him and say – why not? Look up Shakespeare in the index of first lines. It's a brilliant thing to have thought of doing. I could have thought of it myself. I could be getting all the credit. But I didn't. I walk past the place practically every day and I didn't think of it. It makes me sick.

As against this reasoning however there is the suspicion that what we are dealing with is a case of the Dacre Effect. That is, the problem of hubris whereby an expert comes to believe: if I say that this is so, it will become true. The tell-tale evidence here is the fact that, on his own admission, Mr Taylor was in a hurry. He may have made a Gross Error of Judgement.

Identifying Gross Errors of Judgement of this kind is just like identifying a clearly labelled Hilliard. At first you think: Mr Taylor would never have made a mistake like that – it's too obvious. Then another voice says: But these things do happen. And one way they happen, classically, is when we are in a hurry. So, to conclude: on the one hand, because of the method used to find the poem, I support Mr Taylor's discovery. I'd rather it was a Hilliard and not a Gross Error of Judgement. On the other hand, the hurry worries me . . .

Meanwhile Mr Wells has brought out a sober edition of that Great Pyramid of our literature, the Sonnets. It is the most beautifully printed text readily available. It includes four alternative versions of sonnets existing independently of the Quarto, which is two more than Seymour-Smith has to offer, and it rightly adds "A Lover's Complaint", which – since the Quarto is our only authority – belongs with it. The spelling and punctuation are modernized. Textual variants are given, and there is a brief uncontroversial introduction. But there are no notes, so it is at a disadvantage in comparison with its rivals.

What rivals are we talking about? Undoubtedly the backpackers' edition of the Sonnets, the one to take with you as you stomp down the Andes, is still the Signet Classics edition. This is because it has Auden's introduction as well as an essay by Empson, and enough notes to help you over the most obscure words. People can be very vain about their ability to understand Shakespeare. Don't be vain, accept the fact that words have changed in meaning and that you're going to need some help. Just "listening to the majesty of his music" is not enough. And it currently costs £1.90.

The next in price – a quid more – is Martin Seymour-Smith's Poetry Bookshelf edition, available from Heinemann. This has old spelling although not old typography, and the punctuation has been left alone. There are none of those zippy little hyphens.

A womans face with natures owne hand painted,
Haste thou the Master Mistris of my passion . . .

Is that clear? Are you worried by "Haste"? Or would you prefer to read it like this:

A woman's face with nature's own hand painted
Hast thou, the master-mistress of my passion . . .

This is the way Mr Wells and most modernizing editors prefer to give it, but I think that, although the hyphenation of master-mistress makes one kind of reading clear, it is faintly over-directive. The young man of the sonnets becomes a man-woman. I think I would rather make up my own mind on this point. Seymour-Smith gives plenty of notes and background. If that's not enough, you go on to the Ingram and Redpath edition, but by now you are no longer backpacking. You are at your desk. As far as I can see, the only reason for buying the Oxford edition would be if, having just studied the sonnets, you wanted a clean text to refresh the eye. But this is rather a specialized requirement.

Finally, there is the question of the identity of the young man. I direct the reader's attention to sonnets 153 and 154. Auden points out that these make a feeble conclusion to the series and that they are two versions of the same idea. In my view the feebleness stems from the fact that they are intended as cryptograms. They tell a story in which Cupid's fire is put into a fountain which becomes a seething bath (153) or a well becomes a bath (154). There is clearly a reference here to Bath and Wells.

Could it be that Shakespeare, in addition to his other misfortunes, had fallen in love with the Bishop of Bath and Wells? And that the Bishop's morals were as lax as those of the young man? Other bishops have been known to slip up in this way, and so have many curates.

Or could it be that the two sonnets form a signature to the series, the Bishop of Bath and Wells wanted to publish these lascivious works and palmed them off as those of Shakespeare? That too is possible. It would be interesting to know the name of the then incumbent. I hope this theory is original. I know I am publishing in a hurry. But I want to get it into print before Mr Taylor.



Ice-cold, astringent talent

POETRY

Robert Nye

Someone once said that in the poems of Geoffrey Hill warmth is like a dying sun seen through a wall of ice. Now I think Hill would be not displeased by this criticism, so long as it was conceded that the wall of ice is of his own making – in other words that it is itself the intricate, brilliant, yet transparent artifice which is the very fabric of his verse. He is a poet who erects verbal constructs between himself and experience, but within the various strict forms of those constructs he refines his thoughts and feelings so astringently that one would be hard put to find a slack line in his Collected Poems (*Penguin, £3.95*), an important volume which brings together for the first time his work over three decades.

Two sonnet sequences entitled "Lachrimae" and "An Apology for the Revival of Christian Architecture in England", dating from 1978, seem to me especially impressive and revealing in that they deal with what I take to be a central theme in Hill, the self-inflicted Simone Weil-like torments of one who (in his own words concerning Charles Péguy) has "rediscovered the solitary ardours of faith but not the consolations of religious practice":

Crucified Lord, you swim upon your cross
and never move. Sometimes in dreams of hell
the body moves but moves to no avail
and is at one with that eternal loss.

The mood is again that which Hill attributes to Péguy, of one who is "self-excommunicate but adoring". Such a stance strikes me as worthy of respect, but it has also to be said that it fits rather too well with Hill's tendency to use his mastery of form as an excuse for remaining tight-lipped.

The result is that wall of ice amounting almost to a pleasure dome of Kubla Khan proportions, over-polished and Parnassian.

Hugo Williams's Writing Home (*Oxford, £3.95*) provides an illuminating contrast. Williams began, I believe, as a minimalist, but in this – his first full-length collection for ten years – he has left coyness and cleverness behind him, no longer demanding that the reader find significance in what he chooses to leave unsaid. In writing about his childhood and adolescence, and particularly in exploring his relationship with his actor father, he achieves a poetry of considerable elegiac tenderness informed and questioned by an intelligence that might by cynical were it not so palpably committed to its own findings:

Now that I am grown
Now that I have children of my own
To offer me their own
Disappointed obedience
I feel for him.
Our children left us both
Because we sat so still
And were too wise for them
When they told us their best jokes.

Deep feeling held in check by the need for sanity of expression is at a premium in Douglas Dunn's Elegies (*Faber, £4*), a collection of poems written after the death of his wife in March 1981. The sincerity of this book is beyond criticism, and at its best it merits comparison with that beautiful wreath of poems, written by Thomas Hardy after the death of his first wife, when he found himself fallen in love with her again as he had not been towards the end of her life. No such ambiguity of emotion complicates Dunn's grief, which is simply profoundly moving in its underlying rage at the horror of a young life destroyed by cancer. Perhaps it is a measure of the success of the poet's achievement that one turns aside from the details of the diagnosis and horrible progress of the disease, too terrible to want to quote in a mere review, to praise the little sequence "Snow Days", in which grief is not so much observed as transcended in a metaphor:

Snow is its own country, and it beckons
With its white finger crooked, and is calling
From the hush of its chilled bulk, its tons
And territories, its white ground falling.

This is without doubt Douglas Dunn's best book, though it seems almost an impertinent insensitivity to pass any kind of judgement on it.

A plague on all our houses

Iain McGilchrist

THE IMPACT OF PLAGUE IN TUDOR AND STUART ENGLAND
By Paul Slack
Routledge & Kegan Paul, £25

Societies, like stones, crack along their lines of weakness. To a social historian, crises are a godsend. Reactions to them illuminate superstitions, beliefs, and values; how a government deals with them tests its flexibility and authority; how families and communities respond when governments fail shows, more tragically, the turmoil of those faced with impossible choices.

Yet at the same time much of what a crisis demonstrates is universal: the fact that life is liveable only because we are not made to confront stark decisions between self and others, between duty and self-preservation. Much of what concerns Paul Slack in *The Impact of Plague in Tudor and Stuart England* is of this universal kind, inviting imaginative sympathy, even topical comparisons – invitations that he, perhaps wisely, refuses.

The Black Death of 1348-52 was the last epidemic of plague in Europe for 500 years, and it found priests, doctors, and statesmen unprepared. What causes plague, and how it is transmitted, were understood little better in 1666 when it finally left England than in 1348 when the great series of plagues began. Limiting measures were purely empirical, and the issues were not how to cure it, but how to avoid it, and who might legitimately do so. For a just divinity could not have intended priests, magistrates, and physicians to neglect their duties and flee contagion, but then he could not have intended them to be afflicted along with the corrupt who had invited disease and death. Nor would a loving God ask that those already suffering sickness should have isolation, neglect and effective imprisonment added to their tribulations. Ergo, plague was not contagious – but it still seemed worth walling people into their houses.

Awkward questions: but Providence at least thoughtfully arranged that, in the words of one observer, those who died were "of the baser and poorer sort, such whose lives were burdensome, whose deaths are beneficial" to society. Three hundred years later, a well-known New York columnist tells us that "the gay disease" is nature's revenge on perverts. The closing of the ale-houses, brothels and resorts of the poor, like the attempt to close the bath-houses of San Francisco, seemed vindictive to many, yet it had an undeniable impact.

The attempt to understand what it must have been like to confront the fear and uncertainty of every kind which plague induced is rarely glimpsed in this measured account of clerical confusions and mortality figures. One or two figures live: Jane Jacquet, for example an alien refugee, who, after nursing her plague-stricken family through an epidemic was chased from parish to parish until she became "a mere idle vagrant person, leading a very loose life, making her habitation under hedges and in the woods in the summer time". She seems to have stepped from the pages of Dekker and Defoe – as does Ursula Barrett, a searcher of plague victims, who carried a little girl of eight out of a house, while a neighbour heard her cry. When the neighbour intervened, Barrett shouted: "Hold thy peace and say nothing. I may do as much for thee". At the sight of her winding-sheet the child cried "You shall not put me into a bag as you did my sister". Plague was a nightmare, and the exhaustion it left behind is imaged in the church bells which after a long epidemic were sometimes simply worn out with ringing and had to be replaced or repaired. Our plague, if it comes will be a silent affair, but with much to tell, no doubt, to a historian of the twentieth century.

Olé, for those dramatic disunities

Peter Jones

THE GREEK THEATER
By Leo Aylen
Associated University Presses, £35.50

Of all Greek inventions, tragedy possibly influences us least. Plots seem artificial, issues remote, characters wooden; their interaction with the gods uneasy; and what on earth does one do with the choruses? As for language, Housman's "O suitably-attired-in-leather-boots head of a traveller" is often uncomfortably near the mark. But reassessment may be due.

Over this rich territory floats Leo Aylen, poet, writer, and director for film, radio, and TV; respectable classicist too, and doctor of drama. But if he ever took on board the ballast of scholarship, he has jettisoned it. His book is a hot-air balloon, soaring into boundless aether on great updrafts of media-induced banality and pretentiousness.

The theater can be a way to truth, as significant as any philosophical way (Parmenides lives!) *by asking the question, "How do we show x?", we are led to know x. It is not Platonic knowledge, it is not the knowledge of philosophers. But it is knowledge in terms of the only thing that is truly important in the theater: the* duende, *and its concomitant cry of recognition, "Olé"* (no, he doesn't). *Now our knowledge progresses by means of a series of cries of "Olé".*

To which the only response is a cry of "Bullocks".

Aylen's subject is the staging of Greek drama, particularly the choreography of the dance, but his own views about contemporary production ("the central figure might fling his arms outward in some gesture of despair" – not unlike the reviewer) knock heads with "scholarly" analysis of what he thinks happened on the Greek stage; and the result is complete incoherence. He claims to identify the "choreographic structure" of tragedy, but he merely prods the words and metre of the choruses, and offers futile guesses about their actual direction (no illustrations). His critical judgements are infantile (on *Antigone*: "It is sensible to honour the dead . . . the implication of this play is that it is sound sense for us all to remember this").

Our only responsibility is to wave this ludicrous dirigible goodbye. But how responsible was the University Press that allowed such tremendous piffle to be published? Would it publish a book of comparable standards of accuracy and intelligibility on, say, heart transplants? No wonder arts' disciplines are held in such contempt.

Shakespeare and "Shall I die?"

In the *TLS* on December 20

Gary Taylor presents for the first time his full, detailed evidence for thinking that the poem is by Shakespeare, and Robin Robbins, a specialist in seventeenth-century literary manuscripts, explains why his case does not stand up.

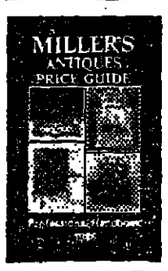
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BOOKS II

A Master of Arts and craft

John Russell Taylor

CELLINI
By John Pope-Hennessy
Macmillan, £85

Benvenuto Cellini's *Life* was in fact an early example of what we tend to think of as a specifically modern genre, the as-told-to autobiography. Like so many amateur writers best noted for their skills in other areas of life, Cellini began to write it himself, in his own hand, but then found that he thought better on his feet, talking to an amanuensis who took it all down for him. As Sir John Pope-Hennessy points out, this gives the narrative its peculiar vividness, as a spoken, not a written book. Generations of readers have responded to this quality of Cellini's, which comes through loud and clear even in the rather dainty and circumspect rendering of John Addington Symonds – and nowadays we are not anyway limited to that. So why, we might ask, another life of Cellini, especially one which, as its author immediately admits, has had to rely on the autobiography for most of its material?

This handsome volume offers, by implication – never doing anything so ungentlemanly as to defend its right to exist – two answers. The first is obvious at a glance: the large format of the book allows the illustrations to be gorgeous on an unparallelled scale, and the photographers, of whom the chief is David Finn, take full advantage of the possibilities offered them. Never have the classic works of Cellini's been so wondrously photographed in lovingly detailed close-up or cooly appraising long-shot – and in several cases a number of stages in between, so that we get almost the effect of an art-film zooming in or out. Just to look at the pictures is already an education in how much we have never seen, even in the most familiar works, and if all the book did was to decorate a (sturdy) coffee-table and occasionally be riffled through by purchasers who never read a word of it, it would still be worth the money.

This is a wearisome book. It details Buchman's travels and his contacts at length, but finds it much more difficult to let us get close to Buchman himself. Wholly committed, Garth Lean can neither explain Buchman's attraction, nor the violent reaction he stirred in his opponents. Honoured by Schuman and Adenauer and hated by Tom Driberg and Hugh Carleton Greene, Buchman can't have been all bad. Yet the source of his undoubted influence is not easily revealed.

From Pennsylvanian German stock, he was ordained a Lutheran minister. From the start he sought an independence of ministry outside the normal run of pastoral work. He had to be in charge. A natural autocrat, Buchman's belief in personal divine guidance was literally a godsend. It enabled him to direct and dominate his followers to such an extent that one, Loudon Hamilton, rebelled. "I have surrendered my life to Jesus Christ, not to Frank Buchman", he complained. Frank found the difference less easy to distinguish.

Yet this was part of the attraction. Buchman offered certainty – particularly to those beset by middle-class guilt. Oxford was specially fertile. Public schoolboys from comfortable homes provided just that degree of vulnerability, his simplistic creed demanded. In personal interviews, he and his acolytes recommended absolute purity as the salve for sexual guilt. The encouragement of semi-public confession – particularly of the grubbier sins – gave the group a psychological hold over its individual members. And it was this Group ethos which proved the selling attraction. In a world where Fascism and Communism were offering comradeship and a cause to the

The Autocrat of the four moral absolutes

John Selwyn Gummer

FRANK BUCHMAN
A Life
By Garth Lean
Constable, £15



Frank Buchman, founding father of MRA

politically involved, the Oxford Group provided it for the religiously inclined.

Intellectually Buchmanism is a non-starter. Lean provides no evidence of any intellectual growth between Buchman's conversion experience at Keswick in 1908 and his death in 1961. Emotionally it clearly had a powerful appeal to a generation which felt guilty without a cause and lonely without a club. So the house-parties, the personal interviews, the public testimonies to a changed life, all bound people together, clinging to Buchman's four absolutes – absolute honesty, purity, unselfishness, and love.

Even through Groupism did attract some outstanding men, much of it was pretty juvenile. "Chip" Lutman gave his public testimony to having lived a "rotten life", and next day "he got on his knees, gave his life to God and threw his tobacco pouch and pipe out of the window of the Roxburgh Hotel." It was not surprising that Lutman was a student leader – Buchman went in for leaders. Despite Garth Lean's loyal attempt to defend him from the charge of élitism, the proof is overwhelming. Buchman's mission was to the Captain of Boats and the President of the Union, as it was to Queen Marie of Romania and President Truman. If ice-skating had been the vogue, he'd have been after Torvill and Dean.

But the real flaw in the Oxford Group, as in MRA, was in Buchman himself. The prophet of absolute truth often exaggerated. The apostle of absolute unselfishness was continually irritable and self-centred. Shoemaker, one of his early companions, said "Frank is so in the habit of holding others in line that he isn't always ready to be held himself."

Above all, his reliance on the guidance given in his quiet time gave him an absolute conviction of his own rightness. Other people's guidance had to conform to Frank's or they had to go back and listen to God again until they got it right. That was inevitable, for nothing reined him in. No Church claimed his obedience, no priest heard his confession, no associate countered his judgement. Whether it was his disastrous view of Hitler or his preposterous spending on a film studio – the autocrat was untrammelled.

And it was this despotism at the heart of MRA which both attracted adherents and frightened opponents. MRA could claim to be an "ideology to conquer Communism" precisely because it replaced one absolutism with another. Its ideal of a God-directed statesman meant a man so certain of his own rightness that he was prey to the same essential intolerance as the Marxist.

The Oxford Group had sought out university leaders and used their guilt to win their hearts. MRA moved the appeal to the world stage and sought to change the leaders of nations shattered by six years of war. The appeal was the same. Buchman offered a simple creed which provided all the certainty which seemed to give such strength to the totalitarian system. Yet that creed was, at bottom, self-regarding and self-righteous. Buchman's moral and political message was always more likely to produce an Ian Paisley than a St Francis.

He gave Britannia her trident and the City gent his brolly

Ronald Hope

JONAS HANWAY
Founder of the Marine Society
By J. S. Taylor
Scolar, £20

Jonas Hanway is a handsome book, with four full-colour illustrations and a dozen more in black and white, half of them taken from the walls of The Marine Society or from prints in its archives.

Hanway was a very remarkable man. It can be argued – though Professor Taylor does not – that Hanway literally put the trident into Britannia's hands, for he was much interested in symbols. Before his time Britannia, like Boadicea, grasped a spear. After Hanway, Britannia grasping the trident symbolized Britain and British sea power, both naval and merchant, at least until 1960. The word "Britannia" used in this sense was frequently on the lips of that great shipowner Lawrence Holt; and when the symbol disappeared from the coinage with decimalization it marked more than the disappearance of an image, for it marked the beginning of the end. However this may be, Hanway certainly put the trident in Britannia's hand in a purely practical way. By his creation of The Marine Society he provided the sailors who won both the Seven Years War and the Napoleonic Wars – no less than 15 per cent of the total supply in the latter case. Had it not been for Hanway, the history of Britain would have been very different.

When, in 1938, Neville Chamberlain grasped the umbrella instead of the trident, he not only pointed the way downhill for Britain, but held in his hand another Hanway "introduction", for, as is well known, Jonas Hanway was the first man to carry an umbrella in the City of London. Professor Taylor provides the evidence for this, and very properly gives Hanway credit for much else: the travels to Russia and Persia which made his books best-sellers in their time; his work for the Navy, which included improving the seaman's diet; his Parliamentary Acts for the benefit of orphans and deserted children; his attempts to improve the lot of young chimney sweeps.

The Marine Society is not the only good work of Hanway's to have survived for nearly a quarter of a millennium but it is the most distinctive, still in existence to help provide the nation with the world's best seafarers. For far too long, Hanway's light has been under a bushel. Professor Taylor's biography to coincide with the bicentenary of Hanway's death in 1786 is welcome.



Captain Hook: on his journey through Russia Hanway saw how they spiked pirates alive on the River Volga, and sent them floating downstream, to discourage the others

View inside Monty's high command team

William Jackson

FLASHBACK
A Soldier's Story
By Charles Richardson
William Kimber, £11.50

Flashback is the personal story of one of the four General Staff Officers who powered Montgomery's command team from El Alamein to Berlin, first as lieutenant colonels in H.Q. 8th Army, and later as brigadiers in H.Q. 21st Army Group in North West Europe. They were Bill Williams (Intelligence), Hugh Mainwaring (Operations), David Belchem (Staff Duties), and the author, now General Sir Charles Richardson (Plans), who retired from the Army Board in 1971 after being both Q.M.G. and M.G.O. They worked under Freddie de Guingand, Monty's Chief of Staff and brilliant interpreter of his wishes, translating concepts into executive action and feeding the "Master" with the information and ideas that he needed to take his command decisions and to impose his will upon events.

Flashback is a light and very readable inside view of the realities of life at the heart of Montgomery's operational staff. Contemporaries will enjoy the Richardson view of the personalities involved, and the general reader the evidence of a very competent eye witness, overturning many of the myths and legends about Montgomery's handling of his battles that have been created by post-war writers.

Charles Richardson became *GSO 1 (Plans), 8th Army*, during the retreat to El Alamein in 1942. He had the unique distinction of surviving the departure of Auchinleck and the arrival of Montgomery: taken over, as he puts it, as part of the furniture. His comparison of the two men, for whom he worked so closely, does not flatter the Auk: "Day after day, sitting in the sand, spending long hours staring through binoculars at the distant void horizon." There was no "First Battle of Alamein" which pro-Auchinleck writers have conjured up: just a series of piecemeal engagements as the defeated 8th Army settled down into the then non-existent El Alamein Line. Exhaustion and lack of supplies stopped 'Rommel,' not Auchinleck or his over-intelligent but unsound adviser "Chink" Dorman-Smith.

The contrast of Montgomery's inspired leadership has been described by many other contemporary pens; nevertheless, it is no bad thing to hear it again from someone so militarily competent, observing from such close quarters. The feel of the Monty Team and of the battles they fought not only against the Germans, but also against less talented teams, including the "Air barons", on the Allied side, comes across with the easy lucidity of a highly professional and authentic eye witness.

As 21st Army Group's B.G.S. (Plans) Charles Richardson's evidence of Montgomery's intentions in Normandy is particularly important. Moreover, he developed the original concept of the concentrated thrust from the Seine to the heart of Germany via the Aachen Gap. He is in no doubt that Eisenhower's assumption of tactical command on 1st September 1944, and his decision to advance instead on a broad front, prolonged the war into 1945. Higher direction of the campaign was lost and each Army Group ploughed ahead, fighting its own war. The disaster at Arnhem was one of the by-products of this dispersal of effort.

But *Flashback* covers more than just Monty's command team. It provides interesting vignettes of pre-war military service in India; of the Dunkirk disaster; of S.O.E. operations in the Mediterranean before El Alamein; and of the handling of the Russians in Berlin after the war was over. The author's concluding paragraph sums up his views:

"Now at the age of 77 I ask myself what sustained us nearly fifty years ago in those terrible times of impotence and disaster. I believe it was the conviction that the British Army would, in the end, prove superior to the Wehrmacht, not because of a greater talent for killing but for the qualities that lay much deeper; its long tradition of civilized duty, of incorruptibility and self-sacrifice, driven by that powerful impetus, genuine comradeship at all levels – the mainspring of the Army's successful evolution down the centuries."

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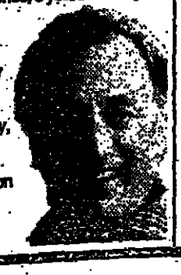
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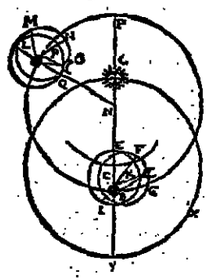
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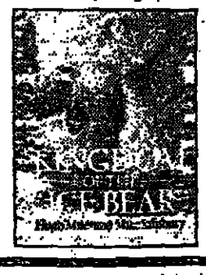


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Panning the Palace

"We have excellent relations with the BBC," a Buckingham Palace spokesman assured me yesterday. Strange. According to leaked minutes of the latest meeting of BBC news and current affairs executives, relations are "appalling". Terry Dobson, head of programmes for English regional television, is quoted as saying that "the BBC had been too deferential for too long in its dealings with the Palace, and a vigorous approach needed to be made." The Princess of Wales is held partly responsible. Because she was camera-shy, she had asked to be covered by a single camera only on official visits – "now all the royals were demanding this treatment and the quality of pictures had declined". What has exacerbated the problem, say the minutes, is "the close relations Independent Television had established with the Palace." This has led to the making of two special programmes, and "as a result there were now always two ITV crews, but only one BBC crew, on royal visits". John Wilson, editor of radio news and current affairs, agreed that "there was clearly a serious problem and a need for change in both the BBC and the Palace".

Wounding

Another story of a moving Irish statue – but this has a sorry ending. The Royal Dublin Society has given its fine bronze statue of Lt Walter Hamilton VC standing over an Afghan corpse to the National Army Museum in Chelsea. The statue has just arrived in London – in pieces. Hamilton's sabre-clutching right hand, half his right thigh, the Afghan's turbaned head and right arm have all dropped off. The repair bill may be more than £2,000. Hamilton's family in Ireland, displeased by the move in the first place, are now furious.

Current issue

So much for the fortune spent by the GLC on homosexual support. Harassment at County Hall is evidently still such a problem that the GLC has produced a booklet designed to stamp it out. Among many examples it cites that of "one gay male employee who produced a birthday cake but found that all of his colleagues refused to take a piece." It continues: "Claiming a fear of Aids, which cannot possibly be transmitted in this way, is usually a cover for vicious prejudice against gay men".

● **After its spate of fatal accidents this year, French railways have now dropped their unfortunate advertising slogan: "Nous avons fait toute la route les yeux fermés."**

Peerless

Lord "Manny" Shinwell is about to pass another milestone. On January 1 he will enter the *Guinness Book of Records* by becoming – at 101 and 75 days – the oldest peer ever. He ousts from that position the Rt Hon Frank Douglas-Pennant, the fifth Baron Penrhyn, who died in 1967, but he has a while to go yet before he overtakes the oldest-ever peeress. She was the Countess Desmond, who was alleged to be 140 when she died in 1604. "This claim is patently exaggerated," observes the *Guinness* book, "but it is accepted she might have been 104."

BARRY FANTONI



"Of course he's shamming; whoever managed a kip in an NHS ward?"

View hullabaloo

One might have thought that Bernie Grant and his Haringey Labour council would pump all spare cash into the Broadwater Farm estate and beleaguered Tottenham. Not so. Apart from evening classes in Tarot reading (see Ronald Butt) the Tory opposition claims that it is using ratepayers' money to thumb its nose at residents of the one wealthy enclave within its boundaries. Despite fierce local opposition, it has spent more than £500,000 – a debt which will cost at least £50,000 a year for 60 years to service – on building seven large, luxurious council houses on a site in salubrious View Road, Highgate. The council compulsorily purchased the site having turned down plans by private developers, named the development after former Grenadan Marxist leader Maurice Bishop, and has just moved in some of Haringey's most disadvantaged families, among them blacks and unemployed. "It's a provocative and deliberate political gesture against the upper and middle classes, and the most expensive political gesture I have ever seen", says outraged Tory Highgate councillor Andrew Mitchell.

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Give Husain a mandate to talk

by Clinton Bailey

Jordan's equivocal and ambiguous reaction to the peace proposal put forward recently at the United Nations by Israel's prime minister, Shimon Peres, indicates that the Middle East peace process is still deadlocked. King Husain has not yet been able to take Peres up on his offer of direct negotiations, largely because he does not feel that he is authorized to pursue peace on his own without the Palestinian Liberation Organization. The US Secretary of State, George Shultz, reiterated in London this week that the PLO's present stance excludes it from any talks.

The only way to break this deadlock – now or in the future – is to hold a referendum, under neutral auspices, among the Palestinians living in the occupied territories. They, as the party most directly concerned, should be asked whether or not they want Husain to negotiate on their behalf. This is the only way to refute the PLO's claim that it and it alone must represent the Palestinian people in negotiations about its future.

Without such a referendum, King Husain may never be able to negotiate with Israel for peace and territory. At the Arab summit conference held in Rabat, Morocco, in 1974, the Arab states unanimously gave the PLO an exclusive mandate for representing the Palestinians. Since then several of these states have had regrets and in 1978, at Camp David, Egypt broke the Rabat consensus by negotiating autonomy for the occupied territories. Yet until this month, King Husain has remained bound by the consensus.

Tacit endorsement for Husain exists already in the West Bank and Gaza. Throughout the years leading newspapers of the territories have prodded the PLO to grant the king a negotiating role. True, in the first years after the Israeli occupation in 1967, the PLO did give many Palestinians a sense of pride. But as time went on, fewer and fewer believed that it was capable of restoring them, or their lands, to Arab sovereignty.

Aware of these anxieties, Husain suggested to the PLO in Amman last November that it agree to negotiate with Israel about an exchange of territory for peace, as stipulated in the UN Security Council Resolution 242.

This position contradicts the PLO's principles and policies. But Yassir Arafat, feeling that Husain's approach was popular and might undermine his own support in the territories, subsequently agreed to let the king make peace overtures – primarily to the US. He also hoped that this would lead to American recognition of the PLO without its having to accept Resolution 242.

In the meantime, however, many Palestinians have understood that the PLO's continued refusal to renounce terrorism and accept Resolution 242 may well prevent the Husain-Arafat agreement of February from leading to negotiations. It has become abundantly clear that the PLO remains an unacceptable negotiating partner to Israel and the major Western nations. Yet Husain alone cannot represent the Palestinian people without their explicit endorsement.

There are two conflicting attitudes towards peace among Israelis and Arabs. Some people on both sides want peace soon and are willing to compromise to achieve it, including most Palestinians in the territories and Jordan proper (together, 75 per cent of all Palestinians), the Jordanian and Egyptian Governments and the Israeli Labour Party.

Advocates of the other approach do not want compromise and are willing to forego peace indefinitely to avoid it. In the Arab world, the main advocates are Syria, the PLO in all its groupings and the Palestinians living in Syria and Lebanon. In Israel, they are the parties of the right.

These extremists may remain an irritant even if peace is achieved between Israel, Jordan and the Palestinians in the territories. But no peace initiative will ever get off the ground if it must wait for the extremists' approval. Peres has already spoken. Those Palestinians who are interested in peace must be given a safe way to express their reply.

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After the latest British 'no' to sanctions, Michael Hornsby isolates a development that could force change where all else has failed

If united they stand, apartheid could fall



Richard Leadbetter

Johannesburg

The launching in a Durban rugby stadium on December 1 of Cosatu – the Congress of South African Trade Unions – was a watershed in the accelerating struggle of South Africa's 23 million blacks, who account for 73 per cent of the total population, to achieve full political, economic and social rights.

In the internal politics of black resistance, it also represented a notable victory for the political philosophy of the outlawed African National Congress (ANC), whose own trade union organization was smashed by the security police in the early 1960s, and its more recently formed above-ground ally, the United Democratic Front (UDF).

Cosatu has 34 affiliated unions, which claim a total of about 450,000 paid-up members, making it the largest trade union federation in the country. That position was previously held by the Trade Union Council of South Africa (Tucsa), a grouping of white-run, paternalistic unions with an estimated membership now of about 340,000.

Founded in the mid-1950s, Tucsa opened its doors fully to all races only in 1980, and despite efforts to shed its pro-government image is estimated to have lost about 140,000 members over the past two years. In 1983 it was reckoned that 20 per cent of all black union members belonged to Tucsa. The balance now seems to have shifted decisively.

What most struck observers at Cosatu's launching was its espousal of an overtly political role which the new unions had previously been wary of assuming, although over the past year or so there had been a growing acceptance that many workplace grievances could be resolved only by tackling broader issues, such as the continued enforcement of the pass laws and the migrant labour system.

Some lingering unease over adopting so public a stance on political issues was evident when the Cosatu executive backed away the next day from several of the more outspoken statements made at the rally by its newly-elected president, Elijah Barayi. These included a demand that President Botha and his government of "drunkards and criminals" resign in favour of Nelson Mandela, the jailed leader of the outlawed ANC, and "other rightful people", a pledge that a Cosatu-led government would nationalize the mines, and a call to Cosatu members to burn their passes – the permits all blacks must carry to travel or live outside designated African areas – if the pass law system was not abolished within six months.

Although the first attempts to form black trade unions date from the early years of this century, it was only in 1979 that the government granted such bodies statutory recognition. Since then black unions have enjoyed rapid growth. Cosatu accounts for something like a third of the country's organized workforce of 1.5 million (only about 15 per cent of the economically active population), of which a third are whites. Important groups of blacks, such as domestic servants, public sector employees and farm labourers, are still largely non-unionized. Black workers remain divided politically.

Resolutions adopted at Cosatu's inaugural congress called for one-man-one-vote in "a united, democratic South Africa, free of oppression and economic exploitation ... under the leadership of a united working class", an end to the state of emergency, the release of all political prisoners, withdrawal of troops and police from black townships, scrapping the migrant labour and tribal "homelands" systems and stepping up foreign disinvestment as "a central and effective form of pressure" on the government.

Among the more conventional trade union objectives which Cosatu set itself were a legally enforced "national minimum living wage", a 40-hour week at full pay with a ban on overtime, and the establishment of a new union to look after the interests of the unemployed, who are estimated to account for between 25 and 30 per cent of the black workforce. Cosatu also announced its intention to publish its own newspaper.

Some 250,000 black workers in 20 unions affiliated to the Council of South Africa Unions (Cusa) and the Azanian Confederation of Trade Unions (Azactu) remain outside Cosatu. Both Cusa and Azactu belong to the "black consciousness" tradition now represented by the Azanian People's Organization (Azapo), a minority black group, whereas the political sympathies of Cosatu lie with the more flexible, multi-racial approach of the ANC and the UDF, a loose alliance of more than 600 anti-apartheid organizations, whose leaders and grass-roots activists have been the main targets of the wave of arrests since the impositions of a state of emergency in parts of the country on July 21.

The squabble between the two factions, involving such issues as the "non-racialism" of the ANC and the UDF versus the "anti-racism" of the black consciousness groups, often seems to outsiders to have all the relevance of one of the more obscure doctrinal disputes of medieval theologians. In practice, it appears to mean that the Cusa and Azactu unions still insist on exclusively black trade union leadership, whereas the Cosatu unions have a small number of whites in key organizing positions.

Both Cusa and Azactu were actively involved as late as June this year in the four-year negotiations which led up to the formation of Cosatu, and the schism may not be unbridgeable. The black consciousness faction suffered a serious defeat when the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM), which has 150,000 members in the country's most important industry, defected from Cusa, to which it had previously been affiliated, to join Cosatu. The NUM is clearly the most important force behind the new federation.

One of the most ambitious targets which Cosatu has set itself is to reduce its existing 34 affiliated unions to 10 much bigger unions, one for each of the following industrial sectors: mining and electrical energy; food and drink; textiles, clothing and leather; paper, wood and printing; metal, motor assembly and components; chemicals and petroleum; commercial and catering; transport, cleaning and security; local government and public administration, including education, health, and posts and telecommunications; and domestic workers.

At present black bargaining power is greatly weakened by the existence of as many as four different unions competing for membership and recognition in the same industry. If the envisaged rationalization is to be carried through, it will require not only the merger of such unions, but also the dissolution of a number of general workers' unions whose membership straddles different industries. They include some of the most politically radical unions, which, understandably, are reluctant to be a party to their own demise. Cosatu could still founder on this issue.

If it can survive its own internal tensions, and retain a working relationship with the Cusa and Azactu unions, Cosatu could put black workers for the first time in a position to call a national strike, a weapon that could ultimately prove one of the most effective destroyers of apartheid. Hitherto the mass "stayaway" from work has been attempted only on a regional basis, and even then confused planning, disagreement on objectives and the lack of any effective coordinating machinery has weakened its impact.

A general strike now becomes a real possibility, although Cosatu would need to be very sure of its organizational capacity before it engaged the government in such a trial of strength.

Ronald Butt

Finding inner self in the inner city

Madame Sosostris, famous clairvoyante,
Had a bad cold, nevertheless
Is known to be the wisest woman in Europe
With a wicked pack of cards. Here, said she,
Is your card, the drowned Phoenician Sailor ...
Here is the man with three staves, and here the Wheel ...
Thank you. If you see dear Mrs Equitone
Tell her I bring the horoscope myself:
One must be so careful these days.
T. S. Eliot

We are not told how much Madame Sosostris charged but nowadays some 30 dwellers of the London Borough of Haringey are being admitted to the mysteries of her art in a 30-week class, thanks to the assistance of the borough's ratepayers. At the White Hart Lane Education Centre a Tarot Card Reading class is packed to capacity. The programme of adult education classes entitled "Learning for Living in Haringey" advertised the course in the following terms:

"A guide to Esoteric Counselling and Self-Help. The Tarot is an ancient method of divination that relies on a deck of 78 cards. By learning to read the Tarot pack you will be able to give skilled advice to those in need. The Tarot can predict future trends and gives us valuable advice on all our problems, past and present."

Who avail themselves of this remarkable opportunity to acquire wisdom I do not know. Certainly they have not been attracted by any mealy-mouthed blurb about a fun course. The Borough of Haringey (lately in the news in a different context) is plainly offering an up-to-date version of self-reliance which, if it leaves the ghost of Samuel Smiles aghast, is perhaps felt to be more suitable for the inhabitants of a leftist-governed inner city area than a course in free market economics would be.

But there is more to it than that. This is clearly a new aspect to the contemporary vogue for counselling in all shapes and forms which is especially popular on the left. For all one knows, the class may be full of social workers and equal opportunity counsellors learning how to give "skilled advice" to problem families and other clients. It seems unlikely that it includes many stockbrokers' analysts in search of help towards understanding the trends of the charts.

Nor do Tarot cards stand in eccentric isolation among the conventional evening classes of a academic, practical or cutural nature. There are other advertised classes of a strange and pseudo-mystical sort. One, on "Awareness", is intended to enable participants "to become more aware of the present" (I suspect it is rather hard to avoid it in Haringey) and to be able "to enjoy more the richness of all that is going on around them and within them".

Another course is entitled "Self-Awareness through Creativity" which is also "about our rich untapped inner self." This covers a number of activities from relaxation, breathing and music to "the rich world of guided fantasy", which could refer to the political behaviour of the far left in inner cities, or even to Roy Hattersley's economic strategy, though I rather doubt it.

For this class you would have to take a travel rug, wear loose clothes and be prepared to "abandon your shoes." Above all, you must "come with an open mind. For further information ring Maggie Szynkman 586 5273." Or again, you might prefer to learn about levitation in a 30-week course on Parapsychology.

However, Haringey citizens could be best equipped for contemporary living by attending classes on "Co-Counselling – a method of self-development in which people learn to be both clients and counsellors. This course includes two separate full day workshops." That is plainly a useful venture since so much of the world is either counselling or being counselled, if not both at once.

Counselling is now a great growth industry – and it is this fact that probably represents the greatest practical use of the Tarot classes for a society freed from the superstition of religion, in which the New Testament is simply the vehicle for cheap money-making musicals and church doors may not be left open for fear of vandalism and theft.

In this society, it is only natural that the more rational process of counselling should develop its own mysticism, philosophy and science. Week by week the employment columns of the *Guardian*, and other appropriate vehicles, are filled with advertisements for counsellors, advice workers, advisers and liaison officers in race relations, equal opportunities and the like.

Thus an equal opportunity officer for the GLC earlier this year was wanted for "career development and counselling," and specifically for developing "career paths" for women, ethnic minorities, people with disabilities and gay (which in this context I have to tell readers does not mean carefree) men" (salary: £14,781-£16,545.)

I do not know the qualifications needed to be a counsellor in this broad area. Still more to the point, I do not know what the total cost nationally, or in inner cities, amounts to or how much is spent on the kind of education illustrated here by Haringey.

These millions, compared with the billions spent on local government generally, are obviously small. Yet this money, together with the sort of grants given by the GLC to its client minority groups (before the Local Government Act stopped it) would equip quite a few under-equipped classrooms, make a few more lonely old people happy with day centres or better meals-on-wheels or perhaps pay for a better standard of care for vulnerable children.

As it is, the most extraordinary fact is the sheer frivolity of so much local spending. I can think of only two reasons why the Tories make so little of it. One could be that this sort of spending now employs so many people, unproductively, that it would not help the unemployment figures to reduce it. The other is that the human mind soon ceases to notice the ridiculous, as it does the horrible, if there is a lot of it around.

***moreover* ... Miles Kington**

Strait up, I met them all

The decision not to have a public inquiry into the Channel link was prompted, apparently, by two thoughts. One is that if you have an inquiry, you will never get it built, which is true enough. The other is that with a structure built at sea, there are no local residents to worry about. This is not quite true. It may come as a surprise but the Channel *is* inhabited, however sparsely. Moreover has been talking to one or two of its occupants about what brought them there.

Eric Molar (Mid-Channel SDP candidate): "There is as yet no Mid-Channel constituency, but it can only be a matter of time – when the link is built, it will be permanently occupied by many people all of whom will have a vote. As usual, the SDP is ahead of the other parties and I have been selected as the candidate. As a retired doctor, I have the time to go out canvassing and get some sailing done at the same time. Canvassing under canvas, you might say! We SDP people do like a little joke.

"The three great problems worrying my constituents are postal deliveries (only once a year), VHF reception (they can only get French radio) and juggernaut ships making the place a menace. We *must* have a Channel by-pass."

Sid Jerkin, water taxi-driver: "I have been a Channel taximan for ten years now, three of that on the knowledge. Very hard test it is for us hackney boats, too – got to recognize every cliff from a mile away, know the quickest route from Dover to the nearest light-ship, name every sunken wreck. Blimey, I wish some of those mini-boat operators knew what I know. And do you know how many fares I have to take every week before I even start making a profit, what with the taxes, the diesel, the rent, and so on? Go on, have a guess. You'd never believe. Personally, I blame the government. And Arthur Scargill. And Esther Rantzen. I blame everyone personally. Except Terry Wogan. No, I blame him too.

"I had Eric Molar in the cab the other day. Nice bloke. I might vote SDP."

The Rev Harold Footwell, Channel chaplain: "Yes, the Channel is my parish. Burials at sea, emergency services on ships and so on. I also do a sideline in christening boats and exorcising wrecks. Sometimes I go out in my own boat, sometimes I take a ride in Sid's taxi. The other day we went out to rescue Eric Molar, who was in difficulties with his yacht. That's right, the SDP man. We had a most interesting talk about proportional representation, but even after I had done my best, he still didn't understand it. I have advised him to write and ask John Cleese.

"We also had a chat about temptation. I told him my worst temptations were lust and sloth. He said his worst temptation was to make jokes about the floating voter! They do like a little joke in the SDP. I might well vote for them."

Señor Luis Arriguez, master mariner: "I been on this tanker for five years now. It stuck. It won't go and it won't sink. It just stay here. It registered in Panama but my company in Mexico. I think they gone bust – they don't write to me no more. So I stay here. When I bored, I slip into Folkestone. When I bored of Folkestone I slip back to the ship. Señor Molar, he promise to get my ship privatized, so I definitely vote SDP."

Jack Trotwell, salvage man: "Yeah, I live permanently afloat. Got to in this game. As soon as something is wrecked, I'm out there like a shot to claim salvage. You can't hang around in a bed and breakfast in Dover to do that. Believe me, the way people drive up and down the Channel, I'm surprised there's not more accidents. Have you seen Sid Jerkin, the taxi driver? A maniac! Mark you, he's never had a scratch himself, but you know what they say about taxi drivers – cause all the accidents and never get involved in one! Yeah, I know Eric Molar. I've had to rescue him three times this year already. I might vote for him, but F'dunno. I'll always vote for the party that causes the most damage to shipping, and the SDP have never had a chance, so why not?

Mrs Dot Greedle, no fixed abode: "Go away. Buzz off! This is my tower. Yes, I'm a victim of inner-Channel blight. Yes, I'll vote SDP. I'll do anything to get rid of you. Now, scram!"

Clearly, the Channel is not the desert many imagine. Let us hope the new link does not destroy this peaceful, close-knit community.

The fate of millions in this man's hands

The UN will soon have a new High Commissioner for Refugees. Unlike some other candidates in the contentious campaign, Jean Pierre Hocké, a Swiss, is relatively unknown outside the world of international relief, but within that world he is respected as an efficient administrator with a clear vision of the reforms needed to rejuvenate the commission, one of the UN's most sluggish bureaucracies.

As operations director of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Hocké has spent almost all his time on tour, negotiating and cajoling government officials all over the world to observe the Geneva Conventions. When you read of the release of Czech or other prisoners by Unita it is because Mocké has spent days bumping along the dirt tracks of southern Angola to talk to Jonas Savimbi. When Iran and Iraq finally agreed to exchange PoWs it was because of long talks between Mocké and Iranian officials. He knows more about the real life of more countries than the head of any other UN agency.

Hocké joined the ICRC while working as a businessman in Nigeria during the Biafran war, in which the ICRC was trying to provide relief for both sides. This is a principle on which he has tried to insist as operations director. It has not always been easy.

During the election for the UN post Hocké was seen by many other governments as Washington's candidate. Indeed the Americans pushed his name so enthusiastically and sometimes so crassly that they came close to destroying his prospects. The election remained a cliffhanger until the very last moment.

But Hocké has never shown himself to be an American puppet. Indeed, during the Cambodian relief operation of 1979/80, many US officials attacked him for being "too soft on the Vietnamese". They came round in the end; the support for his UN candidacy by both Hanoi and Washington is one of the few issues on which they have agreed since the end of the Vietnam war.

During the Ethiopian relief operation the Red Cross has been far more critical of the Ethiopian authorities distribution of food than either the US government (with strategic as well as humanitarian interests in the Horn of Africa) or UN officials. In recent months distribution of supplies has greatly improved at least partly as a result of ICRC pressure.

His refusal to temporize has not endeared him to some senior officials of the Hig Commission for Refugees; many of its officials lobbied against his appointment, perhaps also for fear that he would overturn what is known within the organization as "the Danish Mafia" around the incumbent high commissioner Paul Hartling. But the management of UNHCR has been execrable in recent years and morale has often been low. Hundreds of staff hope that Hocké will shake it up.



Hocké: clear reforms in mind

Even more urgent are UNHCR's relations with the world at large. It is bedevilled by the fact that it is controlled by the very people it needs to take to task – governments.

The Americans make no secret that their refugee policy is an arm of their foreign policy. Hocké will have to prove that he will resist American pressure where this conflicts with UNHCR's duty to protect and assist refugees.

America's treatment of refugees within its own borders needs urgent examination. Why should the commission not protest at the US expulsion of Salvadorans and Haitian boat people when Washington has protested at similar expulsions elsewhere?

UNHCR must also encourage European countries to develop a coherent refugee policy. Asylum is given much less generously than in the past. African and Asian countries frequently complain that they are expected to harbour millions of refugees while the West quibbles over dozens.

For years Hocké has been concerned by the way governments of all sorts exploit humanitarianism and relief operations for political or even military ends. The relief operation in Cambodia, he argues, "was used to prolong an agonizing political deadlock". He is appalled at the way the Geneva Conventions are increasingly ignored, as in the Gulf war.

Hocké faces a pressing challenge in his new job. But his outstanding record at the Red Cross suggests that there is every reason to hope he will prove to be the high commissioner for all refugees everywhere, and dramatically raise the standards of help and protection to which they are entitled.

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JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS

The award of damages to the victims of Christopher Meah assuages a sense of injustice created 18 months ago when the deserts of this convicted criminal were assessed at £61,000. In the same court the same judge has passed from Meah as victim to Meah's victims and some balance is restored. The case merits the wide attention it has received. For it conveniently covers three areas of fresh socio-legal ground: the movement, recognized in emerging Home Office efforts, towards better treatment of the victims of crime; the trend to pecuniary compensation levied against the perpetrators of violence and a role for the criminal courts in awarding it; and the slow education of judiciary and law enforcers in the personal and social costs of the crimes of rape and sexual assault on women.

There will be, and ought to be, continuing arguments about the scale of Mr Justice Woolf's award in this case. There are broad considerations about the role of insurance companies and third-party payers of damages.

The case raises the relationship between civil awards for criminal violence and those of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board. But these, for now, take second place. In a test case justice has been served.

The criminal justice system has never had much interest in victims as such. It judges and punished offenders not for the sake of individuals but to satisfy society. Meanwhile, contemporary culture has focused on offenders, their "rights", their capacity for rehabilitation. For victims there is no network, no State support beyond the scale rates of the compensation board. For offenders there are pressure groups and the apparatus of the probation service (it was a great innovation for the Home Office recently even to think about probation officers concerning themselves with the victims of crime).

Perhaps the tide is turning. The Government pledged in its White Paper of March this year make easier the payment of compensation, for example by having the police advise victims of their rights before the board. Now two victims of sexual attack have called the civil courts in aid and opened – it must be hoped – another avenue to restoring the place in law of all victims. Will others follow? The Meah case was typical of many assaults in that the offender came from a low socio-economic background. It was special in that he acquired assets by being judged the victim of a traffic accident. Yet most offenders will have some assets – a car, a house – worth pursuing, and despite the cost of litigation (towards which legal aid makes only a small contribution) the example of the Meah case should be both a warning to would-be assailants and an encouragement to their victims.

Mr Justice Woolf was in new territory. He has been much criticized for the low level of the award. He ignored the precedents of traffic accident damages in cases where a plaintiff's sex life had been harmed (up to £100,000 in recent reports) and his compensation for rape was much closer to the compensation board's figure of £2,750. The next litigant will surely fare better. And since Mr Justice Woolf bettered the compensation board's figure for rape by several thousands, surely the board must change its tune – or have Parliament alter the key.

By coincidence the Cabinet Office on Tuesday published a report of the Women's National Commission on violence against women. Its unstated import was clearly that as a nation we – and that includes courts and the police – are more aware than ever of high levels both of violence within households and sexually-motivated attacks. So much is progress. Tolerance of crime, however concealed, undermines the rule of law. The commission wants this recognition extended, for example by more sensitive treatment of victims of sexual attack by the police. This is sensible and is largely a matter of the best practices of certain police forces spreading to less enlightened areas.

After the Meah case victims can also do more to help themselves. It takes courage. Meah's victims have had their suffering paraded through the criminal court, in the compensation board's adjudication, and once again in the civil court. It takes persistence – Meah was sentenced nearly four years ago. But in their trek they have advertised that civil action can enhance the verdicts of the criminal courts and that monetary compensation can, in however small a way, offset the damage of violent crime.

BEWARE: BRITISH GAS ESCAPING

Much of the most telling and detailed criticism of the Gas Bill in the debate over its second reading in Parliament came from the Government's own back-benches. That is perhaps not surprising, given the ideological split over privatization between Conservative and Labour. Those who in principle support the transfer of British Gas to the private sector fear that the Bill, because it panders unduly to the corporate interests of British Gas, may confirm the general doubts over the privatization of utilities voiced by more independent sceptics.

Back-benchers' doubts echo the evident disagreements in private between ministers at the Energy Department and the Treasury, which no doubt played some part in the last-minute publication of a draft licence for British Gas and the agreement to make some statement over import and export policy some time next year. In part these tensions reflect personal relations. The present Chancellor had a running battle (when Energy Secretary) with Sir Denis Rooke, the British Gas chairman. Mr Peter Walker has been anxious to renew harmony. A contented and lightly regulated British Gas has more chance of attracting investment by the public, but has rightly caused suspicion at the Treasury, which is less anxious to maximize the revenues from the sale than Mr Walker would have everyone believe.

The Treasury, in the person of Mr John Moore the Financial Secretary, is also the guardian of the ideology of privatization, with its emphasis on increasing competition for custom as well as for capital. It is anxious that the regime should not give this central plank of industrial strategy a bad name.

Controlling British Gas was always going to be difficult. There is less obvious scope for competition than in telecommunications, where rapid development brings new market opportunities. As the draft British Gas licence makes clear, the alternative of regulating prices to curb monopoly power is also more difficult because the cost of the raw material must dominate. The formula for controlling prices to tariff customers (residential consumers and the smallest business users) is therefore hopelessly complex and by that token less effective.

In these circumstances, the Bill and the terms of the licence determined by the Secretary of State under the legislation, need to bend over backwards to promote whatever competition is feasible and to regulate and impose efficiency discipline on pricing in areas where this is most practical, for instance on standing charges and connection charges. They plainly do not do this.

The control of imports, exports and landing of North Sea gas is central to competition for primary gas supply from well to utility, even though it is outside the scope of the Bill. Parliament is not being served well if Mr Walker's statement on this is not made early enough to inform debate on the Bill in committee.

Within the Bill, it is surprising that the director general of gas supply will not have a duty to promote competition, for instance in his control of prices for transmission of other companies' gas through British Gas pipelines. He should also have control of terms for supply of "top-up" gas on third party contracts and a general duty to veto predatory pricing or the misuse of monopoly power to discriminate between primary gas suppliers.

The regulatory regime is handicapped in other ways. It is perverse that standing charges should be subject only to British Gas's best endeavours to keep price rises within the general level of inflation. Here a simple efficiency element could be applied. Small contract customers might also be given some protection, for instance on connection charges. Competition between fuels is real but not sufficient safeguard for small contract users.

Regulation is too diffuse. The powers available to the director general of gas supply, the scope of his regulation and the information available to him are unnecessarily ill-matched. For technical reasons British Gas will have to supply separate accounts only for gas supply as a whole, with no breakdown between tariff and contract business. Yet Ofgas will regulate tariff prices but not those charged to contract customers in industry and commerce. This handicaps the regulator and appears to leave the door open for undesirable cross-subsidization between the monopoly and competitive sectors.

Mr Walker would do well to redress these weaknesses promptly and willingly. British Gas is a successful organization that has deserved to be maintained intact as a strong management with new freedom to spread its wings. Even the present Bill and draft licence would privatize British Gas in a manner that should help make it more efficient and encourage it to serve the public better after two decades of incessant Whitehall interference.

It would be a great pity, as well as politically damaging for the Government, if haggling over important but essentially detailed weaknesses in the proposed regime for gas were to be allowed to obscure this truth. Yet that may happen unless rapid steps are taken to improve both the Bill and the licence.

BART'S, THE RELUCTANT BRIDE

The British public has every right to feel bemused. These days its ears are regularly deafened by the howls of academics protesting at university cuts. Yet this week it has seen St Bartholomew's Hospital medical college, the oldest and amongst the most distinguished of Britain's medical schools, not only staring a £13 million gift horse in the mouth, but firmly telling it to go away.

Bart's has decided, regrettably late in the day, that it wants nothing to do with the so-called BLQ project – a 17-year-old plan to merge its pre-clinical school with that of the London Hospital on the Queen Mary College site in London's East End. The scheme, Bart's says, produces no real savings. It lumps medical students who already arrive dripping with A-grade science A-levels in with a largely science-based college when the current trend is to try and make doctors more human and less like scientific automata. According to Bart's the BLQ plan negates its own slow but accelerating moves to give pre-clinical students earlier and closer contact with patients.

The arguments, in fact, are much more finely balanced than Bart's would have us believe. And there is more at stake here than logical argument. Medical schools are notorious for their amour propre. All moves to rationalize London's medical schools – however sensible and successful they have proved – have been fiercely resisted. Bart's is worse than most. The old jibe that "You can always tell a Bart's man but you can't tell him much" rings strongly through the whole affair. The BLQ plan would effectively make the London Hospital the senior partner in pre-clinical teaching. Bart's could always be expected to resist that – just as the London Hospital fought an earlier suggestion that its students be moved to the Bart's site in Charterhouse Square.

None the less the sight of an academic body turning down its share of £13 million should give London University pause for thought. Queen Mary's College wants the project as part of London University's sensible plans to concentrate science teaching and build the smaller colleges up into larger institutions better able to cope with the cuts in university spending that are in the pipeline. It also badly needs a new library which makes up £3.3 million worth of the BLQ deal.

The London Hospital still firmly believes that putting its students in with QMC would be good for them; medical schools outside London have long been based within multi-faculty universities and mixing medical students with others can only benefit both the future doctors and their future patients. Bart's too should acknowledge that. Its suggestion that the much closer City University could well provide a better link should be explored. To spend £13 million when one of the partners is a reluctant bride scarcely seems sense.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Birmingham hard up against curbs

From the Leader of Birmingham City Council

Sir, The abolition of the metropolitan county councils was opposed by the Labour Party and we said at the time there would be little or no saving of money. The first showings of the rate support grant negotiations make that manifestly clear in the case of Birmingham City Council.

When the county goes, at the end of March, Birmingham will have to take on those services which are at present being run by the county with the exception of those services which pass to the joint boards (quangos). It is estimated that this will cost between £60m and £65m to Birmingham to run these services.

Because of the complicated mandarin-like calculations of the Department of the Environment at Marsham Street our officers inform us that, not only will we receive no grant for the services coming to us from the county, but we shall be fined in excess of £15m for running them.

In addition, due to the way in which the Government is capping grant movements, Birmingham will lose a further £45m grant. In other words, we shall lose some £60m grant, even if we spend at the grant-related expenditure assessment (that is, what the Government thinks we should spend to meet the needs of Birmingham people).

The immediate reaction of some of my colleagues is to say, "well let us not run the services", but we are unable to do that as we have a statutory duty to do so and, moreover, we could not let the roads, the waste disposal and the consumer protection of Birmingham people go to be run by the faceless mandarins of Marsham Street.

So that is our dilemma: can your readers wonder that local government feels frustrated with this fumbling, muddled, authoritarian Government which is mismanaging this country of ours.

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Gibraltar's future

From the Chief Minister of Gibraltar

Sir, I should like to offer a few comments on your leading article, "Manoeuvres round the Rock" (December 5).

You suggest that one way in which progress might be made would be to bring the Spanish Government into a consultative arrangement not dissimilar to that for Northern Ireland. The Northern Ireland arrangement would achieve nothing here. It was made clear by the British Government, as long ago as 1967, that if the Gibraltarians ever want to join with Spain, the British Government would be ready to approach the Spanish Government accordingly.

Our position is that today's Gibraltarians are opposed to any concession on sovereignty. They cannot bind a future generation to feel the same way, but, equally, they cannot, by agreeing to some kind of leaseback or other transitional arrangement, commit a future generation to an eventual transfer of sovereignty. I made this very plain in Madrid on December 6.

Since February much confidence-building has taken place at local level. Gibraltar and the Campo area have worked closely, and successfully, on cooperation in various areas, notably tourism and economic development generally. It would be counter-productive for all concerned if this process were to be marred by Spanish insistence on the sovereignty issue.

If, as you say, the Spanish want Iberia to use Gibraltar Airport, then I must say that we have made it plain that we should be delighted for this to happen, with GB Airways sharing the Madrid/Gibraltar route. Why should a "sealed coach" or "something more satisfactory than that" be necessary?

You add that "Spain should be prepared to cooperate with Gibraltar's request to extend the runway into Spanish territory". I am not aware of any such request. You also add that Spain should "allow a safer air corridor for RAF planes using the Rock". This would be an elementary, and overdue, move on the part of a friend and ally. I cannot see why Gibraltar should be expected to make a concession in return.

Finally, you suggest that Gibraltarians should make concessions towards an agreement which would help the Spanish Prime Minister with a "Yes" vote in the Nato referendum. I very much doubt whether anything we could offer would influence the vote. Only a surrender, or a promise of surrender, of sovereignty might do that.

Yours faithfully,
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Gibraltar.
December 9.

Inner-city priorities

From Professor R. E. Pahl

Sir, Your leading article (December 3) on the Archbishop's report on urban priority areas misrepresented, in my view as a member of the commission, what we say.

First, you assert that our "real offence" is to ignore the power of inflation in limiting Government action and in transferring resources from the poor to the rich. In fact, we wrote:

> Since the 1977 White Paper on *Inner City Policy* was published, people in employment in Britain have in general become better off. Real disposable incomes per head have been gradually rising. Price inflation has been successfully moderated. . . . (para 9.1).

It is precisely because of this success that we were so disturbed by the worsening plight of the minority that is being left behind.

Secondly, the commission was very clear that there could be no quick, cheap or easy solution to a highly complex and multi-faceted set of problems. Providing more resources is a necessary, though not sufficient, part of the answer. We concluded that the policy proposals of the 1977 White Paper "have not been tried and found wanting; they have not been tried" (para 8.103).

Dr Runcie has described the report as "a Christian critique with political implications". Thus, we emphasize the importance of wealth creation and also the distributive consequences for particular groups and areas.

The crucial point is that we are one nation: considerable political will is now needed to avoid a damaging and dangerous split in our society that would affect us all.

Yours faithfully,
R. E. PAHL,
Darwin College,
University of Kent at Canterbury,
Canterbury,
Kent.
December 9.

Children's vaccination

From Dr Freda Festenstein

Sir, I am very concerned that the Government is considering halting the routine vaccination of school-children against tuberculosis within the next four years (report, November 25).

If the proposal is carried out we must be prepared for a large section of the next generation who will not only be highly vunerable, as mentioned by Dr Tom Pollock, but in whom subsequent exposure to an infectious case of tuberculosis is more likely to result in extensive disease and a greater danger of tuberculous meningitis.

Such exposure may occur when an individual moves from one part of Britain where tuberculosis is virtually unknown to another where the disease remains a problem, or abroad in countries where it is still endemic.

Yours faithfully,
FREDA FESTENSTEIN,
The London Chest Hospital,
Bonner Road, E2.

Pensions surplus

From Mr D. W. H. Steeds

Sir, Your article on the London Business School study on pensions (November 25) omitted to mention that it estimates the surplus in pension funds due to redundancies at £25 billion. This is a staggering figure and emphasises the extent to which the pensions movement has failed to protect a substantial part of the working population.

Loss of pensions adds worry about longer term financial security to the immediate trauma of redundancy. It is disappointing that the Government is doing so little to remedy this injustice and that Mr Ron Todd (November 28) and the rest of the trade union movement have not campaigned harder and earlier to protect this disadvantaged section of its membership.

Yours sincerely,
D. W. H. STEEDS,
7 Campion Road,
Putney, SW15.
November 29.

Academic freedoms

From Mr Basil Davidson

Sir, When returning here from South Africa in 1951 I thought and wrote that the relatively mild forms of apartheid then in force would be gradually reduced and eventually annulled by the influence of industrial and commercial expansion, aided by friendly advice from Britain. But I was soon obliged to recognise that I had been completely wrong in thinking this.

Since then there have been many successive expansions of the South African economy. With each of these expansions the real and effective screws of apartheid have been tightened by the regime: consciously, repeatedly, neither with mercy nor with restraint, until South Africa has reached its excruciating condition of today. And no amount of friendly advice, from whatever quarter, has made the slightest difference.

Those here who now refuse their support for sanctions against this South African regime may like to retreat, as we now see some eminent academic figures retreating (most recently, in respect of the refusal of the World Archaeological Congress to admit scholars living in South Africa) into high-sounding statements of principle. But what, in this situation, can such statements be worth?

As a student of Africa over very many years I am sure that most concerned scholars, here or elsewhere, stand firmly for the cause of academic freedom. In this matter, however, we know that we are all faced – like it or not – with two certainties.

One certainty is that the apartheid system will in no serious way reform itself, much less remove itself, without powerful pressures. The other certainty is that some, at least, of these decisive pressures must be applied by the outside world.

The congress executive decided, as we know, to exclude participants from South Africa for three reasons. First, because the overwhelming majority of the UK national committee of this congress, due to be held in Britain next year, advised that such exclusion was desirable.

Secondly because, without it, a far larger number of visiting scholars would have excluded themselves. And a third reason, as I have understood the debate, and surely one to which critics of the decision ought to pay attention (but do not appear to have done), has been a belief that academic freedoms are not divisible.

Morally, they call for the liberties of all concerned, in this case for the liberties of four fifths of the South African population: a majority which, in so far as its qualified spokesmen have been able to make themselves heard, has clearly and urgently asked for British sanctions of every possible kind, no matter what short-term pains may be incurred.

I fear that high-sounding statements of principle which ignore these reasons, or disavow their force, must risk appearing hypocritical at best or sadly expedient at worst.

Yours truly,
BASIL DAVIDSON,
Old Cider Mill,
North Wootton,
Somerset.
December 6.

Making the most of taxicards

From Baroness Masham of Ilton and Baroness Darcy de Knayth

Sir, In his article, "Bill, please – but not for me" (November 19) Bernard Levin showed a lack of understanding of not only the mobility problems of disabled people, but also the problems and costs of disabled living in general.

Auberon Waugh, in his "Plea for lords, ladies and baronesses who are disabled" (*The Spectator*, November 30) was quite right in supposing that neither of us has ever used the GLC taxicard scheme, which is such a boon to many disabled Londoners. The London taxi, whether paid for by taxicard or in full, is alas not easily accessible to those in wheelchairs; we are therefore delighted that its successor, the newly designed CR6, will be on the streets towards the end of next year.

Before Bernard Levin advocates slamming the doors of the CR6 on our irresponsible fingers, we think that he should reflect that the taxicard is available *only* to disabled people living in London, many of whom will be London ratepayers. The taxicard scheme exists to provide mobility, at public transport prices, to those Londoners too severely disabled to use buses or the Underground system. In these circumstances, taking a taxi can hardly be classed as a "comfort".

It is true that the mobility allowance helps many disabled people to run cars, but in London it is at times virtually impossible to find a parking space within pushing distance of one's destination, even with the help of the orange badge, which is in any case not recognized by every London borough.

Taxicard is therefore of enormous benefit to disabled Londoners and we very much hope that it will continue to flourish after the abolition of the GLC.

Yours sincerely,
MASHAM of ILTON,
DARCY de KNAYTH,
House of Lords.
December 10.

Atom bomb tests

From Mr J. H. Smith

Sir, Your leader of December 6 argued that Britain has a moral responsibility to co-operate with the Australian Government in consideration of the report of the royal commission into nuclear testing in Australia. There is an even stronger obligation to allay the disquiet which must arise concerning the subsequent tests between 1957 and 1962 based on Christmas Island in the then Gilbert and Ellice Islands colony.

The island itself has been the subject of at least two full investigations into the possibility of radioactive contamination; the most recent in 1975 finding radiation levels lower than in the average United States city.

At the time of the first tests it is also the fact that care was taken to evacuate the islanders, but familiarity bred indifference and by the end of the series it was standard practice merely to wait under cover with bowed heads and closed eyes during countdown in order to avoid flash. Men, women and children would then go outside to see the mushroom cloud, feel the delayed shock waves and hear the explosion.

The ex-servicemen's associations can be relied upon to look after the interests of British personnel involved. I hope that the Government will offer to assist the Government to Kiribati in any medical investigation which it may consider necessary in the interests of its own citizens.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN SMITH,
65 Wavendon Avenue,
Chiswick, W4.
December 8.

A factor in violence

From Mrs Catherine Turney

Sir, With all the concern over children watching unsuitable television showing sex and violence I feel it worth mentioning what an asset I find the video.

I can record the programme my sons want to see and then my husband and I watch it first. We have no disagreements over this. They just see the programme, if suitable, a day later.

Yours faithfully,
CATHERINE TURNEY,
Ninehams Lodge,
Ninehams Road,
Caterham,
Surrey.
December 10.

Nuclear plant alert

From Mr John Baker

Sir, I refer to your Science Editor's article on Saturday, November 30, on the release of carbon dioxide gas at Hinkley Point B power station on November 29.

The penultimate paragraph implies that the board operated its nuclear power stations beyond their statutory maintenance programme as a result of the NUM dispute and this could have contributed to the incident.

The board does not and would not run its nuclear stations beyond their statutory 24-month maintenance period. In fact, the reactor at Hinkley Point B on which the incident occurred underwent its last maintenance from March 2 to April 29, i.e., during the NUM dispute.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN BAKER,
Central Electricity Generating Board,
Sudbury House,
15 Newgate Street, EC1.
December 2.

Horns of a dilemma

From Mr P. Schofield

Sir, As one welcoming home a prodigal daughter for Christmas, I wonder if your readers have any views as to the vegetarian equivalent of a fatted calf?

Yours faithfully,
P. SCHOFIELD,
42 North Avenue,
Abingdon,
Oxfordshire.
December 8.

ON THIS DAY

DECEMBER 12 1839

In 1830 France drove out the Turkish government in Algiers and established a protectorate there and in the coastal areas. During the following decade resistance broke out sporadically, the chief leader being Abd-el-Kader who in November 1839 declared a holy war. By 1848 the military had conquered all Algeria and it was declared a French territory. General de Gaulle declared it independent in July, 1962, and in the September it became a republic.

ALGIERS.

The following despatch from Marshall Vallée (Governor-General of Algeria) to the Minister of War, and dated Algiers, Nov. 30, 1839, appeared in the *Moniteur* of Monday last.

"Sir,-The situation of Algeria has not experienced any important change since the departure of the last courier. On both sides preparations for war are making. Abd-el-Kader is calling the tribes around him, in whom, however, he does not appear to find any great sympathy. On my part, I am taking every measure rendered necessary by the new position in which the colony is placed. There has been no conflict within the last week. Only a few marauders have appeared in the east, and set fire to some stacks of forage, and some huts left abandoned in that part of the plain which is no longer inhabited. I have, as I informed your Excellency I would, enjoined the French and native population to retire for protection within the fortified points. Some farms ascertained to be capable of being rendered defensible are still occupied by colonists, whom I have armed and provisioned. The events in preparation have induced me to make a general concentration around the principal centres of action. Several of the posts established merely for the purpose of watching the motions of the robbers became unimportant as soon as we found that we were actually at war. Some of these posts, indeed, would have been untenable during the winter, even if peace had not been disturbed. Their being in the middle of marshes covered with water rendered a dwelling upon them dangerous, and the supplying of them with provisions impossible. No act of hostility has yet been committed in the province of Oran. Lieutenant-General Guehenenc, in transmitting to me an account of the defensive measures he has taken, writes on the 28th:-Hitherto I have not learned that a single shot has been fired throughout the province. It is generally believed that this state of things will continue till after the Oukil, and probably till the end of the Ramadan.' In the province of Constantine Achmet has endeavoured to make a general rising of the tribes in the environs of Guelma. The following is the report sent to me on this subject by General Galbois:-'The ex-Bey Achmet has made an attempt to excite some tribes in his neighbourhood by holding out to them the bait of plunder and at the same time giving them to understand that I was absent, and that there were no troops left in this province. He advanced as far as Merdjer Kahel, where I encamped last year, and has directed a levy upon the Achaches, dependents of the circle of Guelma, and carried off many of their cattle. The Achaches, however, being joined by their neighbours, ran to arms and pursued the horsemen of Achmet. They killed seven of them, but at the same time lost a portion of their cattle. At this time Achmet is threatening the Oulad Zenatis and the Ammers Cheraguas, who have applied to me for succour. They have retired near the camp of Sidi Tamtam, where to-morrow I shall send a squadron of Chasseurs to protect them.' The province of Constantine is perfectly undisturbed, as is proved by the following extracts from General Galbois' despatch:-'I am persuaded you will see with satisfaction the high prices to which the rural properties in the Beylick in the environs of Constantine have risen. The lettings of land, which took place yesterday, but the minutes of which have not yet been signed, were as great as the first, and there is every reason to expect that the three or four remaining will not be less, and that the whole will amount to 200,000f. This shows the confidence of the natives in the French Government. A power I have granted to make leases for three years instead of one has greatly contributed to increase the rents of these farmings. I should be very glad also to be allowed to make grants of land to colonists who are agriculturists, were they only for limited terms. I should like to make an essay round Setif with some married Turkish soldiers. Several Sheiks round Djigelli have made tenders of their submission, and I shall want bournous for their investiture. . . .

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COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

December 11: His Excellency Mr Nikos Kyriazides and Madame Kyriazides were received in farewell audience by The Queen this morning and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from Greece to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency Signor Bruno Bonai was received in Audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from Italy to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the Embassy, who had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty: Signor Umberto Vattani (Minister Counsellor), Captain Guiseppe Rondonotti (Naval and Defence Attaché), Colonel Ugo de Carolis (Air Attaché), Colonel Salvatore Sabatino (Military Attaché), Signor Ferdinando Zezza (First Counsellor Economic), Signor Mario Fugazzola (First Counsellor Press and Political Affairs), Signor Giancarlo Aragona (First Counsellor Political) and Signor Gianfranco Varvesi (First Counsellor Political).

Mr Derek Thomas (Deputy Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) who had the honour of being received by The Queen was present and the Gentlemen of the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

Mr A. G. R. Butler was received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands upon his apointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Ulan Bator.

Mrs Butler had the honour of being received by The Queen.

Major-General Laurie New had the honour of being recieved by Her Majesty upon his appointment as Lieutenant-Governor of the Isle of Man.

Sir William Mather had the honour of being received by The Queen upon his retirement from the Council of the Duchy of Lancaster.

The Queen this afternoon opened the new Central Public Health Laboratory (Director, Professor A. A. Glynn) at Colindale London, NW9.

Having been received by the Mayor of Barnet (Councillor Mrs Barbara Langstone) and the Chairman, Public Health Laboratory Service (Dr C. E. Gordon-Smith), Her Majesty unveiled a commemorative plaque and toured the building.

The Hon Mary Morrison, the Right Hon Sir Philip Moore, Mr Kenneth Scott and Major Hugh Lindsay were in attendance.

The Queen was represented by the Viscount Davidson (Lord in Waiting) at the Memorial Service for the Lord Lloyd (formerly Lord in Waiting) which was held in the Grosvenor Chapel, South Audley Street, W1, this afternoon.

KENSINGTON PALACE

December 11: The Prince of Wales this morning at Kensington Palace received members of the Australian Schoolboys' Rugby Union Touring Team.

The Princess of Wales, Patron, the National Rubella Council, this afternoon visited the William Harvey Hospital, Ashford, Kent.

Her Royal Highness, attended by Viscountess Campden and Lieutenant-Commander Richard Aylard, RN, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

December 11: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, as President, this afternoon visited the Headquarters of the Invalid Children's Aid Association, Buckingham Palace Road.

The Hon Mrs Whitehead was in attendance.

December 11: The Duke of Gloucester this morning visited developments in connection with the Croydon Design Initiative. Later His Royal Highness presented the Annual Charter Centenary Design Awards and was entertained to luncheon by the Mayor of Croydon (Councillor George Smith) at the Fairfield Halls, Croydon.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE

December 11: The Duchess of Kent, Patron of The "Not Forgotten" Association, today received Field Marshal the Lord Harding in his retirement as President of the Association.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

December 11: Princess Alexander, President of World Wildlife Fund – United Kingdom, this afternoon visited the Wildfowl Trust at Slimbridge, Gloucestershire.

Lady Mary Fitzalan-Howard was in attendance.



Sir John Gielgud presenting a cheque for £5,000 yesterday to Louise Page, winner of the J. T. Grein prize for established playwrights. The newly-created awards, judged by the Critics' Circle, also went to Jonathan Gems and Robert Holman, who each received £3,000 (Photograph: Bill Warhurst).

Birthdays today

Miss Tracy Austin, 25; Mr Lionel Blair, 54; Major-General Sir Rupert Brazier-Creagh, 76; Miss Denise Coffey, 49; Mr Kenneth Cranham, 41; the Hon Mrs Gwynneth Dunwoody, MP, 55; Mr Emerson Fittipaldi, 39; Air Commodore Dame Felicity Hill, 70; Mr Philip Ledger, 48; the Rev Professor E L Mascall, 80; Mr John Osborne, 56; Mr Frank Sinatra, 70; Lieutenant-General Sir William Turner, 78; the Right Rev J D Wakeling, 67.

Latest appointments

Lord Gowrie, the former Arts Minister, to be Provost of the Royal College of Art from November 1986 in succession to Sir Hugh Casson.

Mrs **Valerie France**, deputy headmistress of Bromley High School, to be Headmistress of the City of London School for Girls from September 1986 on the retirement of Miss Lily Mackie.

Mr **Simon Watson**, aged 42, a master at Haileybury in Hertfordshire, to be Headmaster of Hurstpierpoint from September 1986 in succession to Mr Roger Griffiths.

Mrs **Barbara Kelly**, a freelance journalist and broadcaster, to be chairman of the Scottish Consumer Council and a member of the National Consumer Council.

Gray's Inn

Mr Justice Roch has been elected a Master of the Bench of Gray's Inn.

Dinners

Speaker

The Speaker and Mrs Weatherill gave a dinner yesterday evening in Speaker's House. The guests were: Mr John Biffen, MP, and Mrs Biffen, Lord Denham, Mr John Wakeham, MP, and Mrs Wakeham, Mr David Mitchell, MP, and Mrs Blaise-Davison, MP, and Lady Blaise-Davison, Mr John Cartwright, MP, and Mrs Cartwright, Mr Derek Foster, MP, and Mrs Foster, Mr Michael Morris, MP, and Dr Ann Morris, Mr Tom Normanton, MP, and Mrs Normanton, Mr Laurie Pavitt, MP, Mr Robert Rees James, MP, Miss Phyllis James, Mr Ted Rowlands, MP, and Mrs Rowlands, Sir Michael Shaw, MP, and Lady Shaw, Mr Timothy Smith, MP, and Mrs Smith, Mr Donald Thompson, MP, and Mrs Thompson, Mr Malcolm Thornton, MP, and Mrs Thornton, Mr David Waddington, QC, MP, and Mrs Waddington, Sir George Young, MP, and Lady Young, and the Ven Edwin Ward.

Law Society

The President of the Law Society, Mr Alan Leslie, the vice-president and the council gave a dinner in the Society's Hall last night. Among those present were: The High Commissioner for Canada, Lord Griffiths, the Master of the Rolls, the President of the Family Division, the President of the Queen's Bench Division, the Treasurer of the Inner Temple, the Chairman of the Bar, Lord Justice Lawton, the Director of Public Prosecutions, Mr Justice Warner, Mr Justice Mustill, Mr Justice French, Judge Slack, Judge Goldstone, Master Warren, Master Devonshire, and Major-General J G R Allen.

Royal Society of Medicine

Baroness Warnock last night gave the Lloyd Roberts Lecture at the Royal Society of Medicine. The president, Sir John Walton, and Lady Walton entertained the following guests at dinner afterwards: Baroness Warnock, Lord and Lady Pitt of Hampstead, Sir John Harrison, Sir Peter and Lady Tizard and Mr R. N. Thomson.

Carlton Club

The political committee of the Carlton Club held a dinner yesterday at which the guest of honour and speaker was the Lord Chancellor. Mr Eric Koops, chairman of the committee, presided and Lord Plummer also spoke.

Company of Tin Plate Workers alias Wire Workers

Mr C. F. W. Dyer was the guest of honour at the Christmas court dinner of the Company of Tin Plate Workers alias Wire Workers held at Trinity House last night. Mr D. W. Llewellyn, the Master, presided and Mr T. H. Blennerhassett also spoke.

Charterhouse

The Charterhouse Founders' Day dinner was held at Charterhouse, EC1, last night. The Master, Mr Eric Harrison, presided and the other speakers were Sir James Stubbs, Mr Greville Spratt and Mr Peter Attenborough, headmaster, who was also the preacher at the service held in the chapel before the dinner.

Anchorites

Commander R. L. Tallack presided at the annual meeting and monthly dinner of the Anchorites held at the Café Royal last night. The Bishop of London was the principal guest.

Christening

The infant son of Mr and Mrs Gavin Lucas was christened Alexander George by the Rev W. Gregory at St John's Church, Long Eaton, Nottingham, on December 8, 1985. The godparents are Mr and Mrs P. Fieldwick, Mr Ivan Gunn, Mrs David Smith, and Mlle Christine Doublet.

Forthcoming marriages

Dr J. A. Almond and Miss L. Bryan

The engagement is announced between Alan, son of Mr and Mrs H. Almond, of Tollerton, Yorkshire, and Linda, daughter of Sir Arthur and Lady Bryan, of Tittensor, Staffordshire.

Mr J. A. Banham and Miss R. M. Broom

The engagement is announced between James, son of the late Mr R. L. Banham and Mrs S. F. Waterer, of Hassocks, Sussex, and Rachel, daughter of the Rev B. W. and Mrs Broom, of Eckington, Sheffield.

Dr O. J. Carey and Miss P. Allen

The engagement is announced between James, only son of Mr and Mrs Gordon Carey, of Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, and Penelope, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Malcolm Allen, of Birstall, Leicestershire.

Mr D. R. Evans and Miss E. E. Davison

The engagement is announced between David, elder son of Mr and Mrs J. R. Evans, of Abergele, North Wales, and Elizabeth, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs W. E. Davison, of Newry, Northern Ireland.

Dr P. J. Davison and Dr A. L. Brown

The engagement is announced between John, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Eric P. Davison, of Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne, and Alison, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs Arthur M. Brown, of Thornaby Green, Cleveland.

Mr T. G. Donnelly and Miss J. J. Moreland

The engagement is announced between Tom, elder son of Mr and Mrs J. Donnelly, of Coatbridge, Strathclyde, and Jennifer, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Moreland, of Upton Bishop, Herefordshire.

Mr C. W. D. McLean and Miss A. E. M. Breward

The engagement is announced between Colin, only son of Mr and Mrs Alastair McLean, of The Old Rectory, Brisley, Dereham, Norfolk, and Alison, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Antony Breward, of Dolphin Cottage, 64 Sea Avenue, Rustington, West Sussex.

Mr D. R. South and Miss A. T. Dungey

The engagement is announced between David Robert, son of Mr and Mrs Robert South, of Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands, and Anne Theresa, daughter of Mrs E. Dungey, of Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire, and the late Mr Frank Dungey.

Mr T. J. Burton and Miss H. M. Clarke

The engagement is announced between Timothy, son of Mr and Mrs J. W. Burton, Stilton, Cambridgeshire, and Helen, daughter of the Rev D. and Mrs Clarke, Reigate, Surrey.

Mr W. S. Castle and Miss A-M. Tansley Witt

The engagement is announced between Winston Shaun, son of Mr and Mrs A. E. Castle, of Norwich, Norfolk, and Anne-Marie, daughter of Mr and Mrs N. Tansley Witt, of Weybridge, Surrey.

Marriages

Mr A. Kaletsky and Miss F. E. L. Murphy

The marriage took place quietly in London on Thursday, December 5, of Anatole, younger son of Professor Jacob and Dr Esther Kaletsky, of 7 Glendower Mansions, Glendower Place, London, SW7, and Fiona Elizabeth Lindsay, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Murphy, of 17 Napier Avenue, London.

Mr C. J. Snelling and Miss E. A. Lippiard

The marriage took place on Saturday, December 7, at All Hallows Church, Whitchurch, between Mr Christopher John Snelling, youngest son of Mr and Mrs John Snelling, of Rainham, Essex, and Miss Elizabeth Anne Lippiard, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Lippiard, of Whitchurch, Hampshire. The Rev D. L. J. Warner officiated.

Sale room

Contrast of religious works

By Huon Mallalieu

The greatest success and the greatest failure of the sale of Old Master paintings at Sotheby's yesterday were both religious works, but they were of strongly contrasting types.

Guercino's sculptural "Denial of St Peter", which went to an anonymous private bidder at £638,000, was originally commissioned by Cardinal Mazarin, who paid 180 ducats for it in 1646. It is a formal and rather serene painting (estimate £200,000 to £300,000). "Christ on the Cross", by Francisco de Zurbaran, on the other hand, may well have been painted for a house of Jesuits in Peru, and the realistic agony of it was never likely to appeal greatly to modern collectors. It failed to sell at £360,000 (estimate £400,000 to £600,000).

There was strong, private (European and American) bidding at the sale, exemplified by Canaletto's view of the entrance to the Grand Canal which went to an American collector at £528,000 (estimate £250,000 to £350,000).

The appeal of decorative floral still-lifes is evidently still strong: a composition of fruit, flowers, birds and insects by Jan van Os made £253,000 against an estimate of from £150,000 to £180,000.

Two lesser Canaletto views of Mestre before it was swamped by industry, and Dolo on the Brenta, reached a very respectable £289,000 (estimate £180,000 to £220,000).

Very large pictures can be difficult to sell, unless they are of obvious museum quality, because the space of most dealers and collectors is limited. However, a romantic mountain scene by Joos de Momper, which measured 75½in by 115¾in, went to a German-Swiss collector at £187,000 (estimate £150,000 to £200,000).

The sale made a total of £4,730,330 with 30 per cent bought in.

The importance of provenance in auction prices was underlined by the £10,780 paid in a wine sale at Sotheby's for a bottle of Lafite, 1806. Although it more than doubled its estimate, it was only about a tenth of the £105,000 achieved by Thomas Jefferson's 1787 Lafite at Christie's last week.

The same buyer paid £1,100 for an early long-nosed Steiff teddy bear.

A sale of jewels held by Christie's produced £648,399 with 22 per cent failing to find buyers.

Luncheons

HM Government

The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and Lady Howe were hosts at a luncheon given in honour of the Ambassador of Luxembourg and Mme Hastert at 1 Carlton Gardens yesterday.

Mr Mark Carlisle, QC, MP, deputy chairman of the United Kingdom branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, and Mr Ernest Armstrong, MP, were hosts at a luncheon given yesterday by the executive committee of the UK branch in honour of Mr Louis Delvoie, Canadian Deputy High Commissioner and Mr Bob Larter, Agent-General for Saskatchewan. Also present were:

Baroness Young, Leader of the United Kingdom branch delegation to the CPA Conference in Canada, Lord Harmer-Nicholls, Sir Fergus Montgomery MP, Sir Norman Atkinson, MP, and Mr Peter Cobb.

Propeller Club of the United States

Mr Sam Notkin, President of the Propeller Club of the United States, presided at a Christmas luncheon given by the club at the American Embassy yesterday. Mr John Maccoy was the guest speaker and Mr W. S. Wilder also spoke.

Aldenham School

The Aldenham School Development Appeal for a sports hall was officially launched at Brewers' Hall, Aldermanbury Square, EC2, on Friday, December 6. OA's, former parents and well-wishers who have not yet had information are invited to telephone the appeal office at the school on Radlett 5420. Parents of those at the school will be contacted at the beginning of next term.

Church news

Award

The Rev John Stott, former Rector of All Souls' Langham Place, London, and founder of the Institute for Contemporary Christianity, was named yesterday as joint winner of the £3,000 Templeton United Kingdom Project Award with the Richmond Fellowship for mental welfare and rehabilitation. The award was given for contributions to "the wellbeing of the United Kingdom".

The Rev J A Stone, Vicar, All Saints, Dedworth, diocese of Oxford, to be Team Vicar, Barnet, St Stephen (part of the benefice of Chipping Barnet with Arkley), diocese of St Albans.

The Rev S B Thomas, Rector, St Michael, Minehead, and Priest-in-charge, St Mary, Carhampton, St John Baptist and St Allerumd, Aymestrey, St Andrew, Lanthull Earles, diocese of Hereford, to be also Prebendary de Preston in Hereford Cathedral, same diocese.

The Rev P Watkins, Assistant Curate, St Margaret, Whitkirk, Leamington Spa, diocese of Coventry, to be Vicar, Wolston and Church Lawford, same diocese.

The Rev M R J Williamson, Rector, St Mark, White Moss, Blackley, diocese of Manchester, to be Rector, Emmanuel, Gorton, same diocese.

Other appointment

Major Norma Nelson, QA, formerly Director of Social Responsibility for the Church Army and most recently a member of the CMS relief team for work in the Sudan, to be Minister-in-charge, St Mark's, Northwood, Kirkby, diocese of Liverpool.

Resignations and retirements

Preb R M A Clark, Rector, Blackwell, Prebendary in Wells Cathedral and Rural Dean of Portishead, diocese of Bath and Wells, to resign as Rural Dean of Portishead on January 2.

The Rev A R Fletcher, Vicar, St Luke, Wandsworth, diocese of Southwark, retired on November 22.

Service dinners

9th/12th Royal Lancers (Prince of Wales's)

Major-General J. M. Brockbank, Colonel of the 9th/12th Royal Lancers (Prince of Wales's), presided at the officers' annual dinner held at the Cavalry and Guards Club last night.

Council of TA and VR Associations

The Council of Territorial, Auxiliary and Volunteer Reserve Associations gave a farewell dinner at the Naval and Military Club last night in honour of Major-General W. Bate on his retirement as secretary to the council. Colonel Viscount Ridley presided. Among those present were:

Major-General Lord Michael Fitzalan Howard, Colonel Lord Clydesmuir, Lord Trefgarne, Lieutenant-General Sir Peter Hudson, Lieutenant-General Sir David Scott-Barrett, and Lieutenant-General Sir John Akehurst.

CORRECTION

The name of M. E. C. Garratt was omitted from the Law Society pass-list A (published on November 15).

Latest wills

Mr Walter Ernest Alfred Allen, of Regent's Park, London, left estate valued at £576,920 net. He left £25,000 to the Marie Curie Memorial Foundation.

Mr Douglas Hamilton Harrison, of Poole, past president of the Rugby Football Union, left £142,275 net.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid):

Fraser, Mrs Barbara Mary, of Mollington, Cheshire £305,915
House, Mr Kenneth John, of High Beech, Essex £429,105
Justice, Mr Alexander William, of Worplesdon, Surrey £299,171
Pearce, Dorothy Joyce Quartermaine, of Woking £482,908
Read, Mr Frank Edward, of Horncastle £337,672
Sutcliffe, Mr Thomas Barker, of Hebden Bridge, company director £553,253
Raddock, Mr Ernest Harold, of Colchester £300,744
White, Mr Bertie Johnson, of Old Catton, Norfolk £298,132

Science report

Pictures show blood flow to heart

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Remarkable pictures showing the flow of blood in the vessels of the thigh, heart and chest, and neck and brain are reproduced in a research report in the journal *Science*. Vessels as small as one millimetre in diameter are clearly visible.

The ability to observe anatomy and physiology of the cardiovascular system during normal blood flow should show the effectiveness of drug treatments for heart disorders and strokes, the health of arterial grafts and the condition of suspect arterial grafts and the condition of suspect arteries or lungs.

The procedure devised by a team working with Dr Van J. Weeden, of the department of radiology at the Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, provides an insight into tissues which remain hidden by X-ray imaging. Moreover, the technique is a non-invasive one, marking the latest advance in the use of magnetic resonant imaging, MRI.

Pictures are obtained indirectly by detecting tiny electromagnetic signals emitted by individual atoms of hydrogen in the blood stream. Computer images can be generated from the signals, making possible a form of radiography that is rapidly gaining clinical acceptance. But there are limitations.

Although MRI reveals pictures of soft tissues that are difficult to depict on X-ray-derived images, the routine magnetic-resonance method also discloses many tissues surrounding the blood vessels. Atoms producing the main signals measured by the machine are the hydrogen in water molecules distributed throughout the body.

What Dr Wedeen's group has done is to devise a way of removing everything from the pictures except the blood vessels of the body. The method depends on "pulsatility".

The scientists call their method image subtraction. It works by detecting the signals coming from the body during the peak flow of blood (cardiac systole) and during the slowest flow (diastole) of the heart cycle. The computer generates an image of the body for both episodes, and then subtracts all the information connected with the formation of the image at diastole.

Consequently, all the background structures in effect disappear. All that remains are rather ethereal-looking creatures with arteries, heart, lungs and brain but no body.

More important, because the picture shows what occurs at cardiac systole, blockages and weaknesses of the walls of the vessels are apparent.

Science, vol 230, No 4728, pp 946-48, 1985

OBITUARY

MR EDWARD HOLLOWAY

Economic Research Council

J. P. writes:

Edward Holloway, who died in Hove on November 28, aged 79, was honorary secretary of the Economic Research Council.

He was born in Russia of British parents. His father worked for the Indo-European Telegraph Company and Edward Holloway followed him into that business.

In the 1930s he was a founder and secretary of the Economic Reform Club and Institute which, in 1934, joined with the Economic Research Council.

He was responsible for launching "Programme for National Recovery" in the 1960s and one of its most important research projects was "Expansion without Inflation".

His memoirs *Money Matters: A Modern Pilgrim's Economic Progress* will be published next year.

SIR CONOLLY ABEL SMITH

F.P. writes:

For a junior officer in HMS Biter during 1942-3 it is a privilege to add a few words about our Commanding Officer, Conolly Abel Smith.

While he would be the first to maintain that no personal bravery was involved in our covering of the North African landings, he was at the centre of an episode unique in the history of "Woolworth" carriers, which illustrates the mixture of effrontery and sang-froid to be found in the best naval officers.

At the height of our convoy battle in early 1943, when our destroyer screen was detached on other urgent business, the ASDIC picked up a U-boat contact close in. Ignoring the operating instructions issued with our new toy, he immediately turned towards and launched one of our two rusting depth-charges from the after rail. To the surprise of all, including the Torpedo Officer, it went off and we heard no more of the intruder.

However, it turned out later that the U-boat commander had himself launched a torpedo, and hearing an explosion concluded he had sunk his target and made off without molesting the convoy. His report won him the Iron Cross.

We were a very happy ship, and this was due largely to our Commanding Officer's affability and his concern for all its company, drawn as it was from all walks of life.

This was demonstrated once more when he was the guest of honour at a dinner in 1982 to commemorate the fortieth anniversary of our commissioning, attended by over thirty former members of the wardroom and their wives.

Rabbi Philip S. Berenstein, who died in New York on December 3 at the age of 84, was closely concerned with the relocation of Jews from Germany after the Second World War and was an adviser to former Israeli Prime Ministers David Ben-Gurion and Golda Meir.

Court of Appeal

Law Report December 12 1985

Queen's Bench Division

Judges can change court audience practice

Abse and Others v Smith and Another

Before Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice May and Lord Justice Glidewell

[Judgment delivered December 11]

It was established practice that members of the Bar had a right of audience in the High Court when it was sitting in open court, while solicitors did not have such a right, and although the rights of audience of the Bar did not constitute an obstacle to the extension of rights of audience of solicitors, the public interest required that there should be known general practices and procedures in the High Court, to be followed, except in exceptional circumstances, which were not to be changed by individual judges on the basis of their personal views. The established practices and procedures of the High Court, or of the Court of Appeal, could be modified, if the public interest so required, by the judges of those courts collectively acting under the courts' inherent power to regulate their own practices.

The Court of Appeal dismissed an appeal by Mr Cyril Smith, MP, a defendant in libel proceedings brought by Mr Leo Abse, MP and 24 other members of Parliament, against the refusal by Mr Justice Leonard on October 30, 1985 of an application that Mr Smith's solicitor, Mr Alastair Brett, should be allowed to read in open court an agreed statement under Order 82, rule 5(2) of the Rules of the Supreme Court disposing of the libel action on agreed terms.

Mr David Pannick for Mr Smith; Mr Andrew Collins, QC, as *amicus curiae*.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that the appeal was essentially about the parts played by the two branches of the legal profession in the administration of justice. As such it was of no little public interest and importance.

The parties had agreed that the libel action could be settled by a statement in open court pursuant to Order 82, rule 5(2).

The fee of the most junior member of the chambers of counsel who had considered the draft statement on behalf of Mr Smith was one which Mr Brett considered "unnecessarily expensive".

Limitations of the categories of persons whom courts were prepared to hear as advocates was a feature of all developed systems for the administration of justice. In the jurisdiction of this country the categories were defined by reference to the possession of particular professional qualifications, there being no limitation in the case of members of the Bar and some, very far from total, in the case of solicitors.

Those limitations were not introduced in the interests of the lawyers concerned, but in the public interest. The conduct of litigation in terms of presenting the contentions of the parties in a concise and logical form, deploying and testing the evidence and examining the relevant law demanded professional skills of a high order.

Failure to display those skills would inevitably extend the time needed to reach a decision, thereby adversely affecting other members of the public who needed to have disputes resolved by the court.

Apart from that requirement there was another and even more important requirement, where there was no difference between what was expected of the members of each branch of the profession. That was the requirement of absolute probity.

The public interest required that the courts should be able to have absolute trust in the advocates who appeared before them. The interest and duty of the advocate involved divided loyalties. He wished to promote his client's interests but he also had an interest in the proper administration of justice, and he owed a duty to the court to see that was achieved.

There was an overriding public interest in the maintenance amongst advocates not only of a general standard of probity but of a high professional standard, involving a skilled appreciation of how conflicts of duty were to be resolved.

Restrictions on rights of audience were, or should be, imposed solely in the public interest, because, while sectional interests might understandably prompt suggestions for their removal as well as resistance to those suggestions, those with the power and duty to amend them should have regard solely to the public interest.

For the purposes of the appeal it was sufficient to say that members of the Bar did, and solicitors did not, have a right of audience in the High Court when sitting in open court.

There appeared to be no primary legislation which was relevant to the appeal. So far as subordinate legislation was concerned, Order 5, rule 6 provided that any person might might begin and carry on proceedings in the High Court by a solicitor or in person, and that a body corporate might not begin or carry on proceedings otherwise than by a solicitor. Order 12, rule 1 made similar provision for defendants. Neither of those rules, nor any other rule, was concerned with appearance as an advocate, as the omission of any reference to counsel made clear.

The appeal was concerned with extending the rights of audience of solicitors, not with curtailing the rights of audience of barristers. Unless, therefore, the right of members of the Bar was a monopoly right which would be infringed by any extension of the rights of solicitors, it was unnecessary to consider whether ancient usage had rendered the Bar's rights inviolable except by Parliament.

Mr Justice Parke in *Collier v Hicks* ((1831) 2 B & Ad 663) had certainly suggested that members of the Bar could not be denied a right of audience, but he was not reported as having said that it was an exclusive right. Such an extended view of the Bar's right of audience would be quite inconsistent with the practice of the High Court to allow persons other than barristers to appear in exceptional circumstances.

It would be surprising if the courts had allowed a right to arise which could fetter their inherent power to regulate their own practices in the interests of enabling them to act effectively within their jurisdiction. The rights of audience of the Bar did not therefore constitute any obstacle to extending the rights of audience of solicitors.

It had not been contended before Mr Justice Leonard that the present case was a "one-off" case in which the court could not act effectively unless a solicitor was permitted to appear. Had that been the situation he would, on the authorities, have been abundantly justified in permitting Mr Brett to appearing on their behalf.

It was surprising that the views of the Government had been prayed in aid of the application. It was fundamental that the courts were wholly independent of the Executive. If the Government wished to give effect to its views it could only do so by persuading Parliament to legislate.

Mr Justice Leonard had rightly approached the application that Mr Brett be heard as an advocate on the basis that he was being asked to exercise a general discretion to depart from the established practice of the High Court in a situation in which there were no exceptional features. He had been wholly right to refuse.

The public interest required that there should be known general practices and procedures in the High Court and that those should not be changed or departed from piecemeal by individual judges on the basis of their personal view of what those practices and procedures should be.

The Court of Appeal was an appellate court which could only intervene (a) if it considered that the judge had failed to appreciate the width of his discretion or had misdirected himself in its exercise or (b) if he had been bound by authority which the Court of Appeal was prepared to overrule. Neither was the case, and the judgment should be affirmed.

The well established proposition that every court had inherent power to regulate its own practices, unless fettered by statute or, possibly, by ancient usage, applied to judges of that court collectively as well as individually, and it was for the judges collectively, as a collegiate body, to decide whether to modify established general practices and to promulgate such modifications by practice directions.

It was for the judges of the High Court to regulate the practices of that court and for the judges of the Court of Appeal to regulate the practices of the Court of Appeal. The only concern of the Court of Appeal with the practices of the High Court was in an appellate capacity.

The appeal had served the useful purpose of causing the court to consider the powers of the judiciary in relation to matters of practice and procedure. Subject to any further appeal, no doubt the judges would give consideration to whether and to what extent those powers should be exercised.

Lord Justice May delivered a concurring judgment, and Lord Justice Glidewell agreed.

Solicitors: Mr Alastair J. Brett; Treasury Solicitor.

Insurer not liable for sex attack award

Meah v McCreamer and Another

Before Mr Justice Woolf

[Judgment delivered December 11]

A plaintiff who had successfully claimed damages against the driver of a vehicle in which he was a passenger in respect of brain injuries causing him to undergo a personality change and against whom two victims had been awarded damages for his sexual assault upon them, was unabe to obtain an indemnity in respect of his liability to those damages from either the driver or the driver's insurers since the nature of that damage was too remote in law. For the plaintiff to succeed in such a claim would be contrary to public policy.

Mr Justice Woolf so held in the Queen's Bench Division in dismissing a claim by Christopher Brenty Meah to be indemnified by the defendant, Kenneth McCreamer and the London and Edinburgh Insurance Company Ltd in respect of the award of damages made against him by Mr Justice Woolf on December in respect of his sexual assaults on Eileen Jennifer Walsh and Miss C.D.

Mr David Kemp, QC and Mr Simon Levene for Mr Meah; Mr Julian Priest, QC and Mr Timothy Nash for the defendants.

MR JUSTICE WOOLF said that the main issue in the case was whether the damages which the plaintiff had had to pay to the victims of his sexual assault were so remote that although they were a consequence of the accident he had sustained, they were not recoverable at law.

The starting point was the test in *Overseas Tankship (UK) Ltd v Morts Dock & Engineering Co Ltd (The Wagon Mound)* ([1961] AC 388, 422, 423):

"It is a principle of civil liability, subject only to qualifications which have no present relevance, that a man must be considered to be responsible for the probable consequences of his act. To demand more of him is too harsh a rule, to demand less is to ignore that civilized order requires the observance of a minimum standard of behaviour".

That principle was subject to glosses. First, the defendant must take the plaintiff as he finds him. The plaintiff here had what was described an eggshell personality before the accident.

The second was that the precise type of damage need not be foreseeable if it fell within the general range of possibilities.

The third was that the chain of causation might be broken by an intervening act of the plaintiffs.

The plaintiff here sought to recover not in respect of his own injuries, but for those he had caused to third parties.

In deciding whether the damage was foreseeable and whether damages were recoverable as a matter of law, the court could have regard to questions of policy: see *McLaughlin v O'Brian* ([1983] 1 AC 410).

The plaintiff had argued that if he was entitled to recover damages for his imprisonment as a consequence flowing from the driver's negligence, then he should equally be entitled to recover the damages he had to pay to his victims.

In deciding whether that was correct it was helpful to ask whether the women concerned could have proceeded directly against the driver in respect of their injuries. Clearly the court would have held that the damage was too remote, and that no duty was owed by the driver to the victim of the plaintiff's assaults.

It was right for the court to adopt a robust approach: see *per* Lord Justice Watkins in *Lamb v Camden London Borough Council* ([1981] 1 QB 625).

There was no doubt that the present claim was too remote to sound in damages, and that the plaintiff could not recover either from the driver or his insurers.

If that were wrong, the plaintiff would be further deprived of a right to damages by virtue of consideration of public policy: see *per* Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, in *Gray v Barr* ([1971] 2 QB 554, 568-569). Those considerations applied here.

The plaintiff was not entitled to be indemnified in respect of his criminal acts. It might be said that this argument could be applied with equal force to his earlier claim in respect of his imprisonment.

The damages awarded to him, however, benefited not only him but also his former wife and their child. But for the accident the plaintiff would not now be in prison as a category A prisoner.

The claim would be dismissed.

Solicitors: Reynolds Porter Chamberlain; Mr H. R. Pearce, Worthing.

Resident porter covenant is enforceable

Posner and Others v Scott-Lewis

Before Mr Justice Mervyn Davies

[Judgment delivered December 4]

A lessor's covenant in a lease to employ a resident porter to perform certain duties was not fulfilled by employing a non-resident porter to perform the duties. Furthermore such a covenant could be specifically enforced.

Mr Justice Mervyn Davies so held in the Chancery Division granting the plaintiffs an order for specific performance of the lessor's covenant to employ a resident porter.

Mr Romie Tager for the plaintiffs; Mr Andrew Hochhauser for the defendants.

MR JUSTICE MERVYN DAVIES said that the nine plaintiffs were some of the tenants and the defendant was the landlord of a luxury block of 26 flats, one of which was the porter's flat.

By clause 3.11 of the lease the landlord covenanted: "To employ (so far as in the lessor's power lies) a resident porter for the following purposes and for no other purposes:- (a) To keep clean the common staircases and entrance hall landings and passages and lift. (b) To be responsible for looking after and stoking the central heating and domestic hot water boilers. (c) To carry down rubbish from the properties to the dustbins outside the building every day".

From 1964 until May 31, 1985 the porter's flat had been occupied by a resident porter who performed the functions in the covenant. Thereafter the former porter, who now lived elsewhere, carried out those duties on a part-time basis.

The landlord claimed that as the duties in (a), (b) and (c) were in fact being discharged, albeit by a non-resident porter, there was no breach of the covenant.

His Lordship held that there was a breach since the covenant indicated that (i) there would be a porter in residence and (ii) that he would perform certain functions. To arrange for those functions to be carried out by a non-resident could not discharge the defendant from his duty to keep a porter in residence.

There was a world of difference between living in a block with a porter in residence and living in a block without, as a tenant gained from the feeling of security and the opportunities to ask for help that arose from the presence of a resident porter. A resident porter was valued not only for the duties he was expected to perform but also for his very presence.

The question then arose whether specific performance could be granted of the covenant.

In *Ryan v Mutual Tontine Westminster Chambers Association* ([1893] 1 Ch 116) it was held that a contract between a landlord and tenant by which the landlord undertook to employ a porter to perform certain services for the benefit of the tenant could not be specifically enforced because, *inter alia*, the execution of the contract would require "constant superintendence by the court".

That case had been discussed in many later cases and in particular in *C.H. Giles & Co. v Morris* ([1972] 1 WLR 307, 316), *Shiloh Spinners Ltd. v Harding* ([1973] AC 691, 724) and *Tito v Waddell (No 2)* ([1977] Ch 106, 321).

In the light of those authorities his Lordship felt it was open to him to make an order for specific performance especially as the contract did not require the performance of personal services or any continuous series of acts, but merely procuring the execution of an agreement which contained a provision for such services.

Solicitors: Beckman & Beckman; Mallen Gillis & Sumption.

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THE CHEST, HEART AND STROKE ASSOCIATION/1

SPECIAL REPORT

By Pat Blair

A campaign of hope for millions

"No spitting", a notice once seen by millions in this country, was the first slogan adopted by the Chest, Heart and Stroke Association during its battle against tuberculosis. Early next year, "Strike at Stroke" could be the next slogan as it steps up the campaign for research, understanding and treatment of stroke illness.

It is almost 100 years since the association started as the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis, being inaugurated in 1896 in a royal drawing-room at Marlborough House in London, when TB was a leading cause of death in Britain. Campaigns, including notification, dairy herd inspection and better ventilation of schools and work-places, helped almost to halve the number of cases in less than 30 years.

When by 1959 tuberculosis was largely conquered, the NAPT became the Chest and Heart Association, setting its sights on combating asthma, chronic bronchitis, and other disabling chest diseases, as well as the main killer, heart disease.

In the association's words: "It soon became evident that an enormous research effort requiring vast resources was necessary to deal with heart disease alone."

In 1962, therefore, the British Heart Foundation was formed to support cardiac research to prevent heart disease, to promote health education and anti-smoking activities, and giving help and advice to patients and their families. The CHA work on chest disease went on.

Next year will be the tenth anniversary of its last change of name – to the Chest, Heart and Stroke Association – but the fight is still on against the 28 million working days lost each year through bronchitis, the problems of one in ten who suffer asthma and the 150,000 deaths annually from heart disease.

The national campaign next year aims to heighten public knowledge of stroke illness, which accounted for 13 per cent of deaths in 1984. "There is a lack of awareness of the problems of stroke," says Sir David Atkinson, director general of the association.

The CHSA publishes books, booklets and leaflets to help patients and their families understand their illnesses. There is a quarterly magazine, *Hope*, and a range of counselling and welfare services where sufferers can get help covering personal problems, hospital visits and grants to deal with financial difficulties. Last year, the association responded to more than 30,000 requests for help and advice.

"But more than a quarter of the CHSA's funds are spent on research", Sir David points out. Much of that is concentrated on seeking to prevent illness. All the money they raise is by voluntary donation and they need to attract about £1 million a year to sustain their present activities. These include more than 60 Volunteer Stroke Schemes, where volunteers help retrain stroke victims in communications skills, and the 383 stroke clubs affiliated to the CHSA.

'Lack of awareness of the problems'

A more recent venture by the association is its production of a film, Why Me?, which won the main award at the British Industrial and Scientific Films 1985 Festival. It relates graphically the stories of three very different people who had a stroke, and is now being sold and hired out round the country.

While not all stroke patients are admitted to hospital, the association says: "As long as this is at the discretion of the medical attendant and the patient's family and not due to a lack of facilities, this is acceptable."

What is required in all parts of the country, it says, is "a co-ordinated domiciliary service to ensure that stroke people receive the best care available to help them rehabilitate themselves".





Positive approach: Sir David Atkinson (above), and Dr Sue Rudge and Jocelyn Tam (centre) with patient Thomas Hills

Helping people to help themselves

Cliff Morgan, the former Welsh international rugby player, Barbara Woodhouse, the dog trainer, and Patricia Neal, the actress, have all had to fight the illness that ranks third in the death table but comes top in the league of disabling diseases. It was Patricia Neal's experience with the untrained help of Valerie Eaton Griffith that started the Volunteer Stroke Scheme in 1973.

Next year, Hastings will have the 64th scheme that the Chest, Heart and Stroke Association has started for the National Health Service to finance ultimately.

Using volunteers recruited and trained by an association-paid regional organizer, the scheme provides sustained help at home to help patients recover as much as possible and become as independent as their disabilities will allow.

Basing their work on the personal interests of the patients, each volunteer team of between two and 10 people will work on a regular rota towards supporting, stimulating and encouraging an individual to relearn speech and understanding, to handle numbers and money and to regain such basic skills as telling the time, identifying shapes and colours while maintaining regular practise with them.

Before each scheme is set up, the local health authority will have agreed to take over the funding from the association after two years. Patients are referred to the organizers by health professionals such as speech therapists with whom the organizers often have close contact.

Without such sustained help – and it may take anything from a few months to a year or more before the volunteers are formally withdrawn – there is a risk that patients and their spouses will be trapped in a downward spiral of isolation, low confidence, hopelessness, further illness and strain. That has led ultimately to the breakup of many stroke victims' marriages, Miss Eaton Griffiths, who has just stepped down as National Organizer after 12 years of promoting the scheme, says.

Now consultant to the Volunteer Stroke Scheme, she says that of the volunteers and patients who came together through the scheme, many have remained friends, and that the visits continue for years after the patient is no longer dependent on their work.

The association's aim is for an active network of such schemes which have proved successful for patients of all ages and ability. Originally setting its sights on five a year it now hopes to start up 10 annually.

The NHS has also been taking steps to rehabilitate stroke patients more effectively by setting up units in hospitals. But there are still only 13 nationwide, the most recent having been opened in August at St Andrews Hospital in Newham, East London.

The doctor in charge of the St Andrews unit, Sue Rudge, is a consultant rheumatologist who works with colleagues in physiotherapy, speech and occupational therapy, nursing and social work, to better prepare patients for the long haul to good or partial recovery.



Elaine Fullard: Promoting preventive medicine

Dr Rudge says stroke patients on general medical wards often are the last to receive constant rehabilitation treatment.

Patients of any age may be referred to the unit. So far, the range has been between 41 and 95. Mrs Jocelyn Tam, the senior physiotherapist, has one other full-time colleague and an aide. The speech and occupational therapists work part-time.

All are pleased with the way it is working so far. But little has been done on the preventive side. In 1981, a Royal College of General Practitioners report said that at least half of all strokes were preventable.

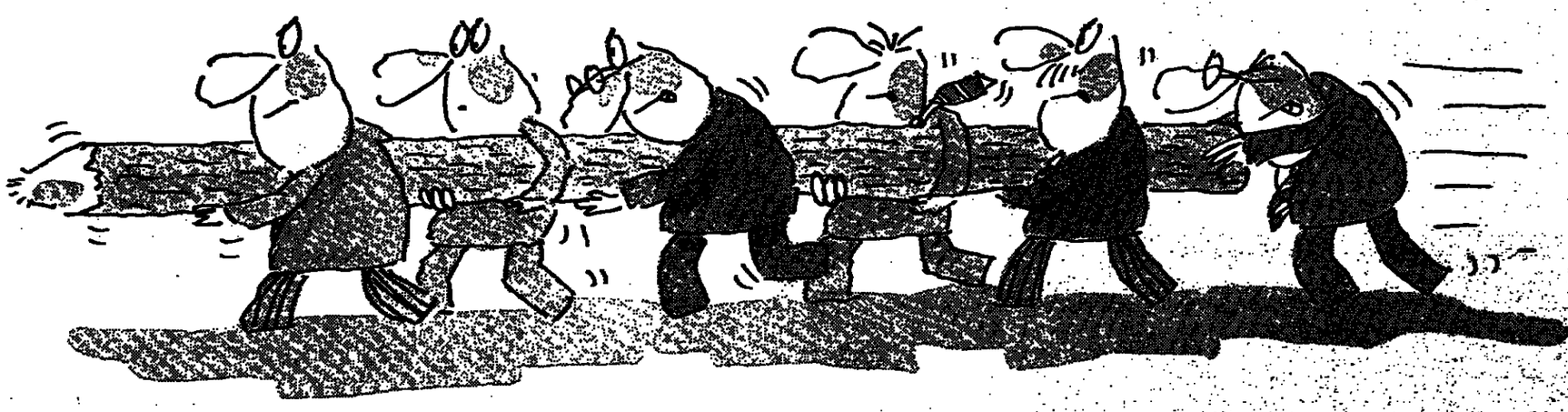
As a result of that report, *Prevention of Arterial Disease in General Practice*, the association funded a research project to test whether family doctors could be helped to screen their patients for the factors that were known to contribute to strokes.

The Oxford Prevention of Heart Attack and Stroke Project, as it is called, has been going three years and is now poised to go national.

Elaine Fullard, a trained nurse, health visitor and health educationalist, was employed as promoter to the project. As a temporary guest in a general practice she helped doctors and other members of the primary health care team to get the screening programmes started, acting as tutor to the practice nurses, introducing the screening methods to the doctors and advising health visitors, practice managers and receptionists.

Miss Fullard and her research colleagues – Dr Godfrey Fowler, a GP and clinical reader in general practice to Oxford University, and Dr Muir Gray, a community physician – found that most practices could adopt the simple low cost "opportunistic" approach to screening. Patients who attended the surgery on other matters were offered "a human MOT" either on the spot or by appointment.

The result of their work may not show up for years but if it goes only part way towards the college's assertion that many strokes are preventable it will have reduced potential turmoil for thousands of people. It is, she says, real preventive medicine on the NHS.



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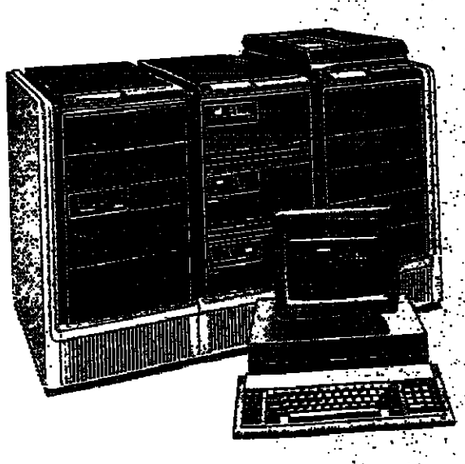
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THE CHEST, HEART AND STROKE ASSOCIATION/2



The Boltons: Howard and Janet with daughter Katie at home in Orpington, Kent



The McLoughlins: Janet and Gerrard in Edinburgh finding strength in therapy



The Christys: Charles and Josephine in High Wycombe

CASE HISTORY/1

The best therapy came from baby Katie

On Christmas morning last year, Howard Bolton received home from hospital his wife Jeanette and their new born daughter, Katie. The baby, a week old, was "absolutely perfect", he said. Yet Mrs Bolton, then aged 26, had had a stroke when she was 24 weeks pregnant with Katie.

Mrs Bolton had complained of a headache and as her husband went to make her a cup of tea she collapsed, vomiting. Fearing a miscarriage, Mr Bolton realized something was seriously wrong and called in a neighbour who was a casualty nurse at the local Orpington hospital. "She really saved Jeanette", he says.

Mrs Bolton was rushed to hospital by car and it was due to the neighbour that they reached the right part of the hospital so quickly. Within minutes Mrs Bolton was on a life support machine. Mr Bolton, concerned about the baby, then learned that his wife might only live for two hours. She remained unconscious for about two weeks.

Both their families were supportive, but friends, being less emotionally involved, were very important, he says. The stroke, the result of a cerebral haemorrhage, left Mrs Bolton with right-sided hemiplegia and speech problems. In addition, around once a month, she has epileptic-type fits. "Everything is all right for three weeks and then we have a dodgy week," Mr Bolton says.

Throughout, the hospital staff kept them fully informed. "Doctors told us everything – except about Katie," Mr Bolton said. "Nobody knew until the day she was born exactly what her condition would be."

After leaving hospital, there were twice weekly sessions of both physiotherapy and speech therapy. Now the former has been reduced to once a week and the speech therapy has just stopped, to be re-assessed later. A home help calls once a week.

Mr Bolton, who had been working mornings with a dairy to free his afternoons to go "on the knowledge" studying to become a taxi driver, had to

Unwillingness to tempt fate

give up work to look after his wife and child. They sold Mrs Bolton's car and exchanged his car for a camper to accommodate his wife's wheelchair and the pram.

"We don't use the wheelchair as much now," he said, "except for such things as shopping trips."

Both have been impressed by the number of people who have helped and encouraged them. "It was unbelievable," Mr Bolton said. On their first shopping trip together, they were approached at the supermarket by a woman unknown to them. "Talking to Jeanette, she seemed to know all about us," Mr Bolton said. "And before we had finished shopping she returned with a bottle of champagne for us. We have never seen her again and we never knew who she was."

It has been a testing time for them. "There are times when we've nearly given up," Mr Bolton said. "At the beginning it was like being thrown in at the deep end of a swimming pool. You're struggling so much to keep afloat that you don't really notice how bad things are. But at the end of the day, as long as you keep pushing, it's good."

They argue – with one side effect being a spur to Mrs Bolton in regaining speech – but ultimately they believe that it has drawn them closer. And there is their daughter. "Katie was the best therapy in the world for both of us", Mr Bolton says. Although they have been told that they could have more children, it would mean Mrs Bolton stop taking the medication she needs and they are unwilling, having one healthy child, to tempt fate.

In the new year, they plan to sell their home in Orpington to move closer to their families in south London. With Mrs Bolton getting help with Katie from relatives, Mr Bolton hopes to resume his aim of having his own taxi.

CASE HISTORY/2

Physicist learns basic skills from volunteers

Gerrard McLoughlin, a physicist at Edinburgh's Western General Hospital, was cycling to his garden allotment one Sunday morning when he was struck by a cerebral haemorrhage.

For the next six months, it was touch and go for Mr McLoughlin, then aged 48, as medical complications followed the initial break in a weak wall of a brain blood vessel. "I was talking about 'when' Gerry came off the life support machine," Mrs Janet McLoughlin recalls. "But the nursing sister said that it was 'if'."

It is a period of which her husband has little recollection.

Two operations later, Mr McLoughlin was transferred to the Astley Ainslie, a large rehabilitation hospital where he spent the next five months. His stroke had left him paralysed down his right side and unable to speak, read or write.

Physiotherapy and speech therapy became a regular routine, but whereas some patients start fighting back at that point, Mr McLoughlin had been through two major operations, and was still "too ill" and "too low" to battle.

About that time, Mrs McLoughlin was given the book *A Stroke in the Family* which stimulated her to recruit volunteers for her husband when he came out of hospital.

Her family doctor mentioned the Chest Heart and Stroke Association and at the same time the hospital speech therapist referred Mr McLoughlin to Mrs Isobel Macleod, the local Volunteers Stroke Scheme organizer, who arranged two volunteers in addition to the three found by Mrs McLoughlin.

Eleven months after setting out for his allotment, Gerrard arrived home in a wheel chair to their third floor flat in central Edinburgh. His wife, undaunted by the hospital report that suggested he was unlikely to get much better, resisted suggestions to move to ground floor accommodation. "We just knew that improvement was possible," she says.

A return to work is out

As Mrs McLoughlin, a teacher, prepared to return to work after the summer break, the five volunteers came by daily rota to work with her husband. Backed by her determination, they built on his own interests to help him re-learn the basic skills of life.

It took several of them to manoeuvre Mr McLoughlin and his wheelchair down the three flights of stairs to the outside world. "I don't know how we would have got on all last winter without them," Mrs McLoughlin says.

For almost 10 months, the volunteers were there five days a week, while a physiotherapist visited twice a week, now reduced to once a month. Initially, speech therapy of an hour a week was provided, which was the only time the hospital therapist had available and which the family feels was inadequate. That soon stopped, although a speech therapist friend has offered to help.

"Looking back now, it was grim, although you don't notice it at the time," Mrs McLoughlin says. "We just lived from day to day." Their daughter, at university in Dublin, was "shattered" at first to see her father, but on each visit home saw that he was making progress. Mrs McLoughlin was also encouraged by progress reports from the volunteers.

Now, Mr McLoughlin can speak – slowly but distinctly – he can read and has learned to write with his left hand. His paralysed right leg has regained a little movement and he can walk downstairs with help. He gets frustrated by reading and writing, he says, and sometimes words seem jumbled to him. A return to work is out. "I just don't remember it," he says.

He has taken up tapestry work at home, and soon he will start at a day centre.

The experience has brought them closer although there are still drawbacks. "Neither of us has a great deal of privacy."

CASE HISTORY/3

On the road to recovery

A slight oddness in Charles Christy's right hand was the first sign, one weekend before Christmas 1974, that he had had a mild stroke. His wife, Josephine, called the family doctor, who could find nothing wrong, and advised him to stay at home.

Later that day Mr Christy, 56, had a huge stroke. He was admitted to Amersham Hospital, in Buckinghamshire, where he lay unconscious for seven days. He remained there about six weeks before being transferred to a rehabilitation hospital in Oxford which he left about Easter 1975.

When he returned to his home in High Wycombe he could not talk and was paralysed in his right arm and leg.

He walks with a stick, talks haltingly, gardens and plays bridge. But he still cannot use his right hand and stairs are a problem.

Mrs Christy says it was the stroke club with which they made contact in June 1975 that started him on the way to recovery. Three volunteers, one a retired schoolmistress, work with Mr Christy. "They helped to get him talking again and got him out into the world," his wife says.

Many of their friends now have been made through the club. It also helped her husband who was spurred on by meeting others similarly afflicted.

The blood clot that caused Mr Christy's stroke turned their whole life upside down. Still years off retirement, Mr Christy an engineer, can no longer work.

Once a week, Mr Christy goes to a centre for occupational therapy, where he has taken up carpentry, and they go to the stroke club.

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The many reasons behind a stroke

The damage done to the brain by a stroke is rather like that done to a town by a bomb. So writes Professor Bernard Isaacs, chairman of the CHSA stroke committee, in the association's guide to understanding stroke illness. Like a bomb blast, a stroke begins with terrifying suddenness and does its damage instantly; but the aftermath of recovery can be a long drawn-out, tedious process.

Each year there are 100,000 new cases of stroke, which can affect people of many ages – from the early or mid-twenties to those in middle or old age. About 1 per cent of those are below 40. It is not possible to pinpoint any single cause of the illness, although there are known "risk factors".

Hypertension (persistently raised blood pressure) can lead to a stroke, although it does not always do so. Smoking, being overweight and eating too much salt are also suspected, and diabetes and heart disease.

Stress, strain, overwork or emotional family arguments do not cause strokes, except in novels, Professor Isaacs emphasizes. "In fact, many strokes occur while the patient is asleep in bed." he says. There was no proof that if the patient had taken life more easily the stroke might never have happened.

A stroke may result from cerebral haemorrhage, bleeding from one of the brain's blood vessels into the brain. Or it may be due to an embolism, the sudden blocking of a brain artery, usually by a clot of blood but sometimes by a fat globule, a piece of tissue or a clump of bacteria. Either of those cerebral vascular accidents damages an area of the brain which then loses its ability to carry out its particular functions.

The type of disability and its severity depend upon the part of the brain affected and the size of the damaged area.

The degree of recovery also varies from person to person. Some people get completely better. But a third of victims die within the first three or four weeks. Of the rest, a third make a good recovery. Two thirds have a marked disability; half of them will have a marked speech or communication problem.

To victims and their families, the illness is bewildering. Relatives of a stroke patient sometimes say that "he is a changed man since it happened".

Just as individuals vary, so do the effects of a stroke on its victims. But there are problems that are particularly common. They include:

- Loss of consciousness.
- Paralysis of one side of the body, called hemiplegia, or a slight loss of strength in one arm and leg, known as hemiparesis. There may also be a weakness of one side of the face, which may cause drooling from the weak side of the mouth and difficulty in chewing.
- Loss of feeling in, or loss of awareness of the affected side of the body.
- Difficulty on seeing out of one side of each eye; for example if the sufferer is weak on his or her left side, there may be difficulty in seeing out of the left side of each eye.
- Difficulty in understanding what is said and in speaking to others.
- Problems in coughing and swallowing.
- Poor control of the bladder.
- Depression and emotional upsets, such as sudden outbursts of weeping.
- Anger, resentment and lack of co-operation as a result of the feeling of insecurity produced by the stroke.

Many people think that as a stroke happens suddenly, it will clear up just as quickly. That is not so. Recovery is usually a gradual process that varies from person to person. It may take weeks, months or years.

The fact that someone has suffered one stroke does mean that he or she will ever have another – although they could, the chances are they will not.

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STROKE PREVENTION

It is never too early to take positive steps to avoid the risk of Stroke. Priority–get your blood pressure tested. There is so often a link between heart disease and Stroke so reduce the risks here, too, by not smoking and watch your weight. Should tests show that your blood cholesterol is high, watch your diet.

STROKE RECOVERY

Much can be done to help. The Chest, Heart & Stroke Association provides:– 1. A nationwide network of affiliated Stroke clubs.



2. A CHSA Volunteer Stroke Scheme in 60 areas, to help those with speech problems.
3. Publications, in everyday language, to give timely aid to sufferers and their families.

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No.	Company	Your gain or loss
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4	Aquascutum 'A'	
5	Readicut	
6	Fine Art Dev	
7	Beattie (James) 'A'	
8	Ladies Pride	
9	Preedy (Alfred)	
10	Bremner	
	FOODS	
11	Tesco	
12	Somportex	
13	Unigate	
14	Fitch Lovell	
15	Asda-MFI	
16	Watson & Philip	
17	Cadbury-Schwepp	
18	RHM	
19	AB Foods	
20	Hillards	
	BUILDING AND ROADS	
21	Erith	
22	Trent	
23	French Kier	
24	McAlpine (Alfred)	
25	Dew (George)	
26	Bett Bros	
27	Amec	
28	Costain	
29	Nottingham Brick	
30	Higgs & Hill	
	BREWERIES	
31	Marston Thompson	
32	Scot & New	
33	Boddingtons	
34	Greene King	
35	Hardys & Hansons	
36	Belhaven	
37	Invergordon Distl	
38	Distillers	
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Weekly Dividend

Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £40,000 in Saturday's newspaper.

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BUILDING AND ROADS

1985 High	1985 Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
240	172	Aberdeen Constr	228	-2	19.5	4.8	14.2
280	230	Amec	271		18.7	6.8	8.1
228	202	Arnolite	214		9.1	6.3	8.8
228	202	Attwoods	214		9.7	6.3	10.5
138	114	BPB Industries	114		11.5	7.8	10.2
95	64	Beggeridge Brick	92		9.5	3.9	18.9
112	84	Bemist Dave	112		10.6	9.7	7.1
34	19	Bailey(Ben) Constr	34		1.5	4.4	14.9
151	113	Balfour	151		10.6	7.1	38.1
97	51	Blanford Concrete	97		4.4	5.1	10.8
97	51	Bett Bros	73		4.4	6.1	10.8
555	545	Blockleys	555		32.5	5.8	9.1
555	545	Blue Circle	555		38.5	6.9	7.7
204	194	Breedon&Cloud Hill	204		12.5	6.1	28.7
79	59	Brickhouse Dudley	79		3.6	4.5	9.2
95	55	Br Dredging	95		5.5	5.8	10.3
116	86	Brown&Jackson	111		4.1	3.6	6.2
116	84	Brownlee	84		4.1	5.4	11.1
84	64	Bryant	84				
186	136	Bunnet & Hallam	186		12.5		
145	118	Cebelrand Robey	145		4.4	3.6	25.8
80	58	Cement-Roadstone	80		3.0	3.6	
74	48	Condor Grp	54		2.2	5.2	27.5
238	208	Costain	238		22.1	4.6	10.1
117	86	Countryside	112		6.2	5.5	8.6
128	94	Crouch (Derek)	128		7.9	6.2	26.8
116	86	Dew (George)	104		4.2	4.0	6.4
113	84	Douglas (RM)	113		4.2	3.7	7.8
84	64	Erith	84				
84	64	Do 'A'	84				
117	86	Finlay Gp	117		6.9	5.9	13.5
117	84	French Kier	117		6.9	5.9	13.5
115	64	Galliford	78		3.3	4.2	9.8
115	103	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	115		7.7	6.7	9.0
210	204	Gleeson (M.J)	210		8.4	4.0	10.4
99	99	HAT	99				12.5
84	64	Halliat Ber	84				
84	64	Hawden-Stuart	84				
114	84	Henwood Williams	114		4.4	3.8	9.1
121	84	Higgs & Hill	121		4.4	3.6	11.3
138	138	Hodcott Johnson	138		5.0	3.6	9.2
288	288	Jarvis (J) & Sons	288		9.0	3.1	10.5
156	156	Laing (J)	156		5.5	3.5	11.5
156	156	Do 'A'	156		5.5	3.5	11.5
97	97	Lawrence (Walter)	97		3.5	3.6	7.9
198	198	Lilley (A.E)	198		7.0	3.5	10.7
310	310	Lovell (Y.J)	310		11.0	3.5	10.7
136	136	Magnet & South	136		4.8	3.5	14.1
178	161	Marsden	178		6.4	3.6	12.8
178	110	Mattinglhalls (Halifax)	178		7.1	4.1	8.9
198	74	May & Hassell	198		5.4	2.7	10.7
316	232	McAlpine (Alfred)	316		16.1	5.1	8.9
179	112	Meyer Int	179		6.7	3.7	
179	137	Miller (Stanley)	179		9.5	5.3	15.9
116	105	Monk (A)	116		4.4	3.8	21.4
216	198	Mowlem (John)	216		8.5	3.9	13.1
680	680	Newarthill	680		12.5	1.8	11.6
148	148	Nottingham Brick	148		5.8	3.9	9.7
780	780	Pearce (CH) Sons	780		11.1	1.6	13.1
98	98	Persimmon	98		3.5	3.6	9.8
198	198	Phoenix Timber	198		6.4	3.2	8.7
270	270	Pochins	270		10.4	3.8	10.2
335	335	RMC	335		18.4	5.5	8.8
227	227	Redland	227		13.5	5.9	10.5
145	145	Roberts Adland	145		5.5	3.8	12.5
112	112	Robertad	112		4.4	3.9	10.5
155	155	Ruggby Cement	155		10.5	6.7	14.5
114	114	Sadd	114		4.4	3.8	10.5
227	227	Sharps & Fisher	227		8.2	3.6	14.5
143	143	Smart (J)	143		5.2	3.6	15.7
135	135	Tarmac	135		5.2	3.8	11.7
113	113	Taylor Woodrow	113		4.4	3.8	21.4
128	128	Tilbury Group	128		5.2	4.0	11.7
143	143	Travis & Arnold	143		5.2	3.6	15.7
135	135	Tunnl	135		5.2	3.8	10.5
135	135	Vibroplant	135		5.2	3.8	10.5
128	128	Ward	128		5.2	4.0	11.7
178	178	Warrington (T)	178		6.7	3.7	15.7
178	84	Watts Blake	178		6.7	3.7	15.7
238	172	Wimpey (George)	238		8.5	3.5	11.5
141	97	Wiggins	141		4.5	3.1	15.7
232	232	Wilson (Connolly)	232		4.5	1.9	11.5
141	97	Wimpey (George)	122		4.5	3.6	11.5

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1985 High	1985 Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
235	224	AKZO N/V Bearer	232		13.5	5.8	12.1
224	224	Allied Colloids	224		12.5	5.6	12.1
275	275	Amersham	275		14.5	5.3	14.2
180	180	Anchor Chemical	180		9.1	5.1	7.0
104	102	Bayer DM50	275e		16.5	6.0	
102	102	Blagden	102		5.1	5.0	15.1
104	104	Brent Chem	104				15.1
57	57	Br Bamod	57				11.7
78	78	Br Tar Products	78		3.7	4.8	8.2
224	224	Canning (W)	224		12.5	5.6	14.1
151	151	Coalite	151		8.5	5.6	7.1
113	113	Coates Bros	113		5.4	5.4	
116	116	Do 'A'	116		5.4	5.4	
156	156	Cory (Horace)	156		7.9	5.0	13.2
52	52	Crode	52				
52	52	Do Old	52				
176	176	Ellis & Everard	176		8.4	4.8	18.1
216	216	Fenaco-Minerap	216		11.5	5.7	8.2
117	117	Halstead (James)	117		5.7	4.9	9.1
214	214	Hickson	214		11.5	5.4	7.1
238	238	Hoechst DM50	238		11.5	4.8	17.9
141	141	Imp Chem Ind	141		7.1	5.0	18.3
63	63	Laporte	63		3.5	5.5	15.8
77	77	Lebus	77		3.5	4.5	17.9
141	141	Pegler	141		7.1	5.0	18.3
63	63	Rotebrook Hidge.	63		3.5	5.5	15.8
158	158	Rotheroe	158		8.5	5.4	16.8
216	216	SMA BPD	216		11.5	5.3	16.0
56	56	Wolsesceolme Pink	71		2.5e	3.5	11.5
		Yorkshire Chem					

CINEMAS AND TV

1985 High	1985 Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
138	138	Anglia TV 'A'	181	-2	11.4	6.3	13.0
98	98	Brunton	98		2.4	7.9	8.5
176	116	HTV N/V	176		11.5	6.5	10.2
216	216	LWT Hdgs	216		11.5	5.3	10.2
167	156	Skrd TV 'A'	167		11.5	6.9	7.6
151	151	TVS N/V	151		9.5	6.3	8.5
33	33	TSW	31		2.4	7.8	8.5

DRAPERY AND STORES

1985 High	1985 Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
192	192	Aquascutum 'A'	74		3.5	4.4	33.1
192	192	Beattie (James) 'A'	74		3.5	2.1	28.7
84	84	Bentalls	84				
84	84	Blacks Leis	84				
84	84	Bremner	84				
84	84	Br Home Stores	84				
84	84	Brown (N)	84				
84	84	Burton	84				
84	84	Cavrd (A) &Sons	84				
84	84	Centers 'A'	84				
84	84	Coates (S)	84				
84	84	Comyns	84				
84	84	Combined English	84				
84	84	Courts (Furn) 'A'	84				
84	84	Dawson (Lo)	84				
84	84	Dixons Grp	84				
84	84	Dunhill	84				
84	84	Ellis & Goldstein	84				
84	84	Ellis (Whitelsdon)	84				
84	84	Empire Stores	84				
84	84	Etam	84				
84	84	Fabrenes Clothes	84				
84	84	Fine Art Dev	84				
84	84	Ford (Martin)	84				
84	84	Fenmmister	84				
84	84	Fenmarks	84				
84	84	Gallor 'A'	84				
84	84	Grant S/A	84				
84	84	Goldberg (A)	84				
84	84	Goldsmiths Gp	84				
84	84	Grattan	84				
84	84	GUS	84				
84	84	Do 'A'	84				
84	84	Halstad Mothercare	84				
84	84	Harris Queensway	84				
84	84	Helena Of London	84				
84	84	Hepworth (J)	84				
84	84	Holles	84				
84	84	Home Chems	84				
84	84	House Of Lerose	84				
84	84	Jones (Ernest)	84				
84	84	Ladies Pride	84				
84	84	Lee Cooper	84				
84	84	Liberty	84				
84	84	Lincroft Kilgour	84				
84	84	Marks & Spencer	84				
84	84	Mendes (John)	84				
84	84	Mileta Leisure	84				
84	84	Moss Bros	84				
84	84	NSS Newsagents	84				
84	84	Oliver (S)	84				
84	84	Owen (D)	84				
84	84	Owen Owen	84				
84	84	Peters Stores	84				
84	84	Preedy (Alfred)	84				
84	84	Reford (Jewellers)	84				
84	84	Ragback	84				
84	84	Ranidust	84				
84	84	Reed (Austin)	84				
84	84	Rembrandt	84				
84	84	S & U Stores	84				
84	84	Samuel (H)	84				
84	84	Do 'A'	84				
84	84	Sears	84				
84	84	Simpson (B) 'A'	84				
84	84	Smith (WH) 'A'	84				
84	84	Do 'B'	84				
84	84	Stanley (AG)	84				
84	84	Sumrie	84				
84	84	Sumrie Clothes	84				
84	84	Superdrug Stores	84				
84	84	Tech-Constants	84				
84	84	Time Products	84				
84	84	Ventona Vyella	84				
84	84	WH Group	84				
84	84	Wade White	84				
84	84	Wallis	84				
84	84	Woolworth	84				

ELECTRICALS

1985 High	1985 Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
187	175	Ali Elect	187		11.4	6.5	14.6
204	204	Amstrad	204		13	6.5	13.8
85	85	Apricot Computers	85		2.7	4.7	4.1
85	85	Arlec	85				
85	85	Atlantic Comp	85		2.4	1.5	10.5
85	85	Audio Fidelity	85				16.9
85	85	Avdo Sec	85				11.2
85	85	BSR	85		1.9	1.5	11.2
85	85	BSR	85		16.7	6.5	10.1
					24p	6.9	4.5

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1985 High	1985 Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
218	218	Allied Irish	218		8.0	4.8	
218	218	Ansbacher(Henry)	218		8.0	4.8	38.8
194	194	Bco New Z	194		16.5	7.3	
218	218	Bankamerica	218				
218	218	Bank Of Ireland	218		17.5	4.8	
218	218	Bank Leumi Israel	218				
218	218	Bank Lovnd Int	218		15.5	4.8	
218	218	Bank Of Scotland	218		16.5	4.8	
218	218	Barclays	218		16.5	4.8	

BREWERIES

1985 High	1985 Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
238	152	Allied-Lyons	238		11.5	4.8	15.2
638	477	Bass	638		31.5	4.9	12.8
61	53	Belhaven	58		1.1	2.6	21.6
168	168	Boddingtons	168		4.2	2.5	12.5
573	268	Brown (Matthew)	268		28.5e	5.6	11.3
193	139	Bulmer (H P)	193		7.0	3.6	
407½	407½	Burtonwood Brew	428		14.5	3.4	16.2
225	225	Clark (Matthew)	225		16.5	7.3	13.6
417	417	Devenish (J A)	417		17.5	4.2	15.2
238	238	Distillers	238		22.1	4.7	11.5
158	158	Greenall Whitley	158		7.9	5.0	11.5
165	165	Greene King	165		7.5	4.5	11.5
238	238	Gunness	238		16.5e	6.9	11.5
414	334	Hardys & Hansons	414		22.0	5.3	14.1
99	99	Highland Dist	99		9.1		14.5
177	124	Invergordon Dist	156		9.1	5.8	14.1
126	126	Irish Dist	126		6.9	5.5	12.7
57	57	Marston Thompson	57		3.1	5.4	12.7
179	179	Morland	179				
186	186	SA Breweries	186		16.9	5.7	12.6
178	178	Scot & New	178		16.9	5.7	
291	291	Seagram	291		16.5	5.7	
268	268	Tate	268		15.5	4.1	
164	164	Whitbread 'A'	164		16.2	4.2	12.4
238	238	Do 'B'	238		16.2	4.2	12.4
238	238	Whitbread Inv	238		16.2	4.2	12.4
210	210	Wolverhmptn & D	210		11.5	5.4	14.4
185	185	Young 'A'	185		11.5	6.2	16.9

FINANCE AND LAND

1985 High	1985 Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
224	210	Abingworth	220		1.5	0.6	
189	189	Allied Hume	189		11.5	6.1	7.5
338	280	Anglo-Eastern	338		20.0	5.7	4.8
151	78	Barclay Tech	108				
78	77½	Camrex	210p		16.2	0.9	
44	24	Chelverton	44		2.5	1.4	51.7
24	24	Conrovesy	24				
395	395	Equity & Gen	395				
215	180	Hamblin	183		10.5	5.4	39.5
180	91	Hardy & Shaw	178		6.1	3.5	39.5
173	114	Holdings	158		8.9	5.7	22.4
47	37	Nat House Loans	46				
44½	41½	Do 8%	52½		900	19.2	
221	123	Park Place	210		8.9	4.3	17.8

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FOODS

1985 High	1985 Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
166	136	ASDA-MFI	144		3.8	2.7	18.4
234	234	Alpine Drinks	234		25	10.9	
194	194	Argyll	194		9.7	2.9	28.5
194	194	Ad Food	194		9.7	2.9	28.5
166	166	Assoc Fisheries	166		8.5	3.9	17.4
166	166	Argus	166		8.5	3.9	17.4
327	327	Banks (Stoney C)	327		14.5	4.4	7.9
158	158	Barr (AG)	158		8.7	5.5	12.5
158	158	Bassett Foods	158		8.0	5.0	12.5
158	158	Berisfords	158		8.0	5.0	12.5
154	154	Bejam	154		7.4	4.8	14.5
151	151	Brabbld Cord	151		7.4	4.9	14.5
166	166	Br Vending (BVI)	166		8.5	5.1	14.5
154	154	Cadbury-Schwepp	154		8.0	5.2	14.5
151	151	Cams Milling	151		7.4	4.9	14.5
166	166	Cliffords Dairies	166		8.5	5.1	14.5
166	166	Do 'A'	166		8.5	5.1	14.5
166	166	Cullens	166		8.5	5.1	14.5
166	166	Dee	166		8.5	5.1	14.5
166	166	Fisher (Albert)	166		8.5	5.1	14.5
166	166	Fitch Lovell	166		8.5	5.1	14.5
166	166	Hees Glover	166		8.5	5.1	14.5
166	166	Hazlewood Foods	166		8.5	5.1	14.5
166	166	Hillards	166		8.5	5.1	14.5
166	166	Hindlephm Hidgs	166		8.5	5.1	14.5
166	166	Horse Fare	166		8.5	5.1	14.5
166	166	Iceland Frozen	166		8.5	5.1	14.5
166	166	Kwik Save	166		8.5	5.1	14.5
166	166	Lambert (J)	166		8.5	5.1	14.5
166	166	Lovell (GF)	166		8.5	5.1	14.5
166	166	Low (Wm)	166		8.5	5.1	14.5
166	166	Matthews (Bernard)	166		8.5	5.1	14.5
166	166	Meat Trade Supp	166		8.5	5.1	14.5
166	166	Morrison (W)	166		8.5	5.1	14.5
166	166	Needlers	166		8.5	5.1	14.5
166	166	Nichols (JN) (Vimto)	166		8.5	5.1	14.5
166	166	Normans	166		8.5	5.1	14.5
166	166	Nthn Foods	166		8.5	5.1	14.5
166	166	Nurdin & Peacock	166		8.5	5.1	14.5
166	166	Park Foods	166		8.5	5.1	14.5
166	166	RHM	166		8.5	5.1	14.5
166	166	Rowntree Mac	166		8.5	5.1	14.5
166	166	Sainsbury (J)	166		8.5	5.1	14.5
166	166	Sellwood (Chas)	166		8.5	5.1	14.5
166	166	Somportex	166		8.5	5.1	14.5
166	166	Tate & Lyle	166		8.5	5.1	14.5
166	166	Tesco	166		8.5	5.1	14.5
166	166	Unigate	166		8.5	5.1	14.5
166	166	Utd Biscuits	166		8.5	5.1	14.5
166	166	Watson & Philip	166		8.5	5.1	14.5

HOTELS AND CATERERS

1985 High	1985 Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
358	275	Grand Met	358	-5	13.5	3.8	11.7
199	199	Kennedy Brookes	199		1.7	0.9	11.7
317	241	Ladbroke	317		15.5	4.9	19.1
465	465	Lon Park Hotels	465		11.5p	2.5	16.5
89	77	Moss Charlotte	89		1.5	1.7	16.5
89	89	Prince Of W Hotels	89		2.1	2.4	16.5
89	89	Queens Moat	89		2.1	2.4	16.5
380	380	Savoy Hotels 'A'	380		15.5	4.1	20.1
167	167	Stakis	167	-2	7.5	4.5	22.1
158	158	Trusthouse Forte	158		7.5	4.8	22.1

INDUSTRIALS A – D

1985 High	1985 Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
185	118	AAH	185		8.7	5.8	13.2
216	216	AGB Research	216		10.5	4.8	11.2
71	71	APV	71		3.5	4.9	
138	138	Aaronson	138		6.5	4.7	12.2
138	138	Ackrod	138		6.5	4.7	12.2
216	216	Alexandra Wrmer	216		10.5	4.8	11.2
216	216	Amber Ind	216		10.5	4.8	11.2
216	216	Appletons	216		10.5	4.8	11.2
216	216	Armour	216		10.5	4.8	11.2
216	216	Ash & Lacey	216		10.5	4.8	11.2
216	216	Ass Br Eng 8%	216		10.5	4.8	11.2
216	216	Assoc Heat	216		10.5	4.8	11.2
216	216	Aurora	216		10.5	4.8	11.2
216	216	Avana Rubber	216		10.5	4.8	11.2
216	216	Aynsmre Metal	216		10.5	4.8	11.2
216	216	BBA	216		10.5	4.8	11.2
216	216	BET Dfd	216		10.5	4.8	11.2
216	216	BETEC	216		10.5	4.8	11.2
216	216	BOC	216		10.5	4.8	11.2
216	216	Bibi	216		10.5	4.8	11.2
216	216	Babcock	216		10.5	4.8	11.2
216	216	Bailey (CH)	216		10.5	4.8	11.2
216	216	Baird (Wm)	216		10.5	4.8	11.2
216	216	Baker Perkins	216		10.5	4.8	11.2
216	216	Barrd Ind	216		10.5	4.8	11.2
216	216	Barroan	216		10.5	4.8	11.2
216	216	Barton	216		10.5	4.8	11.2
216	216	Barlow Rand	216		10.5	4.8	11.2
216	216	Barlow Hepburn	216		10.5	4.8	11.2
216	216	Barlow Transport	216		10.5	4.8	11.2
216	216	Baynes (Charles)	216		10.5	4.8	11.2
216	216	Bibby Harry Clarke	216		10.5	4.8	11.2
216	216	Beauford	216		10.5	4.8	11.2
216	216	Beckman	216		10.5	4.8	11.2
216	216	Beller Cosmetics	216		10.5	4.8	11.2
216	216	Benlox	216		10.5	4.8	11.2
216	216	Berisford (S&W)	216		10.5	4.8	11.2
216	216	Berkshire	216		10.5	4.8	11.2
216	216	Berpark	216		10.5	4.8	11.2
216	216	Bestwood	216		10.5	4.8	11.2
216	216	Bevois (D)	216		10.5	4.8	11.2
216	216	Bibby (J)	216		10.5	4.8	11.2
216	216	Bibbs	216		10.5	4.8	11.2
216	216	Bibend Coleman	216		10.5	4.8	11.2
216	216	Birmingham Mint	216		10.5	4.8	11.2
216	216	Black Arrow	216		10.5	4.8	11.2
216	216	Black (Peter)	216		10.5	4.8	11.2
216	216	Blackwood Hodge	216		10.5	4.8	11.2
216	216	Blundell-Perm	216		10.5	4.8	11.2
216	216	Bodycote	216		10.5	4.8	11.2
216	216	Boolker McConnell	216		10.5	4.8	11.2
216	216	Boots	216		10.5	4.8	11.2
216	216	Boulton (Wm)	216		10.5	4.8	11.2
216	216	Bowater	216		10.5	4.8	11.2
216	216	Bowater Inc	216		10.5	4.8	11.2
216	216	Bradenville Grp	216		10.5	4.8	11.2
216	216	Brammer	216		10.5	4.8	11.2
216	216	Brengreen	216		10.5	4.8	11.2
216	216	Brickond Gp	216		10.5	4.8	11.2
216	216	Bridon	216		10.5	4.8	11.2
216	216	Bridport-Gundry	216		10.5	4.8	11.2
216	216	Br Bldg & Eng Appl	216		10.5	4.8	11.2
216	216	Br Dredging	216		10.5	4.8	11.2
216	216	Br Enkhon	216		10.5	4.8	11.2
216	216	Br Shelpon Hill	216		10.5

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THE TIMES

FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Telegraph handed over for a mess of pottage

According to Nicholas Berry, in his own eyes his father's greatest achievement was not the *Sunday Telegraph*, although he was rightly proud of starting the first new national newspaper after the Second World War; it was the arrangements he, Lord Hartwell, had carefully made to ensure that ownership of the two Telegraph newspapers remained private and within the Berry family. Barring an eleventh hour change of plan, control of The Daily Telegraph, through a 51 per cent shareholding, is about to pass to Conrad Black, a wealthy, powerful and ambitious Canadian.

Whatever the shortcomings at The Daily Telegraph that made a change of ownership inevitable, if "inevitable" is the right word, this is a cruel fate for a man who has lived for and through two great newspapers.

Journalists who have worked for him have not always felt easy with his patriarchal methods, his belief in gerontocracy, his tight-fistedness, and his rigid definition of loyalty; nevertheless he has always remained the best newspaper proprietor of his time. He believes in freedom of expression.

Personal suffering cannot be measured; the financial agony of the sale of shares to Mr Black can.

The Daily Telegraph's immediate problem is lack of money. The company's ambitious plans for building and equipping two new printing plants and the enormous costs of the staff cuts needed to make any sense of an investment on this scale, require borrowings and new equity capital far beyond The Telegraph's available resources. However you look at it, the balance sheet is threatening to become unsupportable.

Yet if you look at the company's earning capacity, the picture is altogether healthier.

With an annual turnover of £150 million and margins which ought to be around 20 per cent, a pretax profit figure of around £30 million, and earnings of £20 million, should be attainable. Applying a niggardly exit multiple of 10 to this would give a takeover value of around £200 million.

If these figures are on the high side, The Telegraph ought to be worth £150 million as a going concern.

When the *Financial Times* was on strike recently, it is widely suggested that the Pearson management was faced with – and rejected – a bid from John Fairfax's Australian newspaper group, worth around £100 million.

Mr Black took a stake of 14 per cent in The Telegraph in June, which cost him £10 million. The small print of the deal, which The Telegraph management was desperate to sign, gave Mr Black an option to buy further shares which come on offer.

It soon became transparently clear that The Telegraph had purchased not time through its £110 million cash-raising exercise, but a millstone. It failed to make its forecasts; more money was required; and the banks were reluctant to provide it.

Mr Black, like any good brag player, has been content to play a quiet blind hand. he has picked up his cards and discovered that he has a winning hand. He is about to buy control of The Telegraph, that is, the extra 37 per cent needed to give him 51 per cent, not for the £75 million which a conventional bid night entail, but for a total consideration of perhaps £30 million. The critical 37 per cent appears to be costing him around £20 million.

This is a great coup for Mr Black, but it is a sorry tale on the part of both The Telegraph board and their merchant banking and stockbroking advisers, N. M. Rothschild and Cazenove. A vital part of the available forum of British social, intellectual and business life is passing into overseas hands for a mere £30 million.

This is not a bid governed by the rules of the Takeover Panel, which would oblige Mr Black to offer similar terms to the remaining 49 per cent of shareholders. A majority holding is enough to ensure control. Mr Black is under no constraints to pay more.

Lord Hartwell has sold his birthright for a mess of pottage.

Wind taken from dollar's sails

The "Group of Five" got back to work yesterday. Very modest intervention – total dollar sales of about $200 million (£141 million) – took the wind out of the dollar's sails yesterday afternoon, though it gathered speed again later in New York.

Sterling dropped below $1.41 in the morning, bounced back above $1.42 as the dollar checked, then slipped again a little to close at $1.4107 in London. This was a mere side-show of the dollar performance; the real sterling story was illustrated by the sharp drop in the trade-weighted index. The sterling index closed at 77.9. The most significant effect of the continuing confusion in the oil market has been on Sterling's value against the mark; the pound closed in London just below DM3.60.

This is a substantial drop, wholly welcome to British industry, in the triangle of exchange rates involving Britain's main trading partners. Against the dollar, the pound was yesterday merely back to its position in mid-November, just before the Autumn Statement, and about 35 per cent above its low point early this year. Against the mark, however, the pound had dropped back to last February's level, more than 10 per cent below its midsummer peak.

Lloyd's admission over reforms

The scramble by the Council of Lloyd's to convince the outside world that it is capable of regulating itself satisfactorily is not hard to explain. The package of reforms announced on Tuesday comes only a matter of days away from the publication of the Financial Services Bill. As things stand, it seems that Lloyd's is going to escape outside the framework for regulation envisaged by the Bill – at least, this is the position according to the lates statements from Mr Leon Brittan, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry.

Mr Brittan said that Lloyd's activities could not be covered in the Bill because many of these are not concerned with investment. True enough, but at the same time it is well known that Lloyd's syndicates make large sums of money from the actual business of underwriting but from investment of underwriting premiums, an activity which could easily be viewed as proper material for the Financial Services Bill. Moreover, whatever Mr Brittan is at present saying it is clear that there is much lobbying – not just from Mr Brian Sedgemore – aimed at drawing Lloyd's into the Bill's net before it becomes fixed in the statute book.

The Council's reform package shows that it too is fully awa that the issue is by no means resolved. Hence the suprise inclusion of a Council by-law to beef up long-awaited measures aimed at outlawing "baby" syndicates and preferred underwriting.

If the threatened writ from the PCW names does materialize, then Lloyd's may face a tougher challenge to its independence than even the relentless Mr Sedgemore can mount. Any cause of action against Lloyd's arising out of the PCW affair will precede the 1982 Act and the immunity that the Act affords Lloyd's In which case, the reform measures that the Council is promulgating could prove to be a considerable weapon for the PCW names. The mere fact that Lloyd's now believes supervision needs radical improvement might seem awfully close to an admission that it was, shall we say, less than totally effective in the past.

JMB shows £69.4m loss as Bank prepares for sale

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

Johnson Matthey Bankers yesterday reported a pretax loss of £69.4 million for the 15 months to June 30 in its first official accounts since its near-collapse and takeover by the Bank of England last year.

The accounts form the first stage of the Bank's effort to sell JMB back to the private sector and will be sent, together with additional confidential information, to about 20 interested institutions before Christmas.

Losses attributable to JMB's shareholders amount to £210 million, after the addition of extra provisions of £140 million against bad debts to make up for inadequate provision in earlier accounting periods.

The pretax result was almost entirely due to losses on JMB's banking operations amounting to £73.7 million, although futures broking contributed a further loss of £2.7 million. Bullion operations, however, produced a profit of £7.1 million and insurance broking a profit of £1 million.

Banking losses are entirely on loans made before the Bank of England took over the running of JMB in October last year.

A 15-month accounting period was necessary because of the difficulty in sorting out JMB's confused financial position.

Mr David Walker, the chairman of JMB and an executive director of the Bank of England, said that the results marked a turning point in JMB's affairs.

Taking account of the Bank's injection of capital and the rescue package arranged with City banks, JMB had almost broken even since October last year.

He added that the bank's losses would be vastly reduced in the current year and that the provisions for bad debts were now fully sufficient. The bullion operation was expected to remain profitable.

Mr Walker said that the results were affected by gross under-reserving in the period before JMB's near-collapse.

A total of £140 million had to be added to the existing £22 million provisions. A further £40 million of interest unpaid on loans, which had formerly been treated as income, had to be suspended.

Provisions for the current reporting period amounted to £54 million, giving a total of £255 million in provisions for JMB Group.

Mr Walker said that after provisions the JMB loan book amounted to £140 million, roughly half of which was still non-performing loans paying no interest.

JMB's gross loan book had been reduced by more than £50 million to £394 million since September 1984, mainly through loan recoveries.

Mr Walker confirmed that the Bank of England would expect to give "warranties and indemnities" on JMB's financial position to any purchaser of the bank.

IN BRIEF

£109m rig orders won

Shell is placing orders worth a total of £109.5 million for its Tern and Eider North Sea oilfields with four shipyards in the north east and two in Scotland. This will provide jobs for 2,300 people, with a further 1,000 jobs being created indirectly, David Young writes.

This brings the total of orders placed by the North Sea oil industry this year with British shipyards to a total of almost £1 billion.

Shell is spending a total of £970 million on the Tern platform and £640 million on the Eider platform.

Tate advance

Tate & Lyle lifted profits from £65.4 million to £76.7 million before tax in the year to September 30. Turnover was down from £1,676 million to £1,627 million. The final dividend is up by 2p to 14.5p.

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Granada surge

Granada Group, the bingo halls to television programmes company, has increased pretax profits to £64.4 million for the year to September 28, up from £53.8 million. Turnover rose to £767.3 million, from £634.2 million. A final dividend of 4.75p makes 7.1p for the year, an 11 per cent increase.

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The US merchandise trade deficit on a balance of payments basis was a record $33.14 billion (£23.38 billion) in the July-September quarter of 1985, the Commerce Department said in Washington yesterday. The deficit was up from a revised deficit of $28.59 billion in the second quarter. Previously the Department estimated the second-quarter deficit at $53.42 billion. In the third quarter of 1984 the deficit was $28.98 billion.

Ford prospect

Ford Motor Company's fourth-quarter earnings were likely to fall below last year's $3.89 a share due to lost production from plant changeovers connected with the opening of the $3,000 million (£2,110 million) Taurus/Sable car line, Mr Donald Petersen, the chairman, said in Detroit.

Hillsdown offer

Hillsdown holdings has received acceptances for 12,470,034 Walker and Homer shares (90.96 per cent) and intends to acquire compulsorily the remaining shares.



Sir Eric Sharp

Cable and Wireless sale proves successful

By Our Business Correspondent

The £933 million Cable and Wireless share sale has proved a success despite fears that the fall in the stock market over the last week would leave the issue high and dry.

The block of shares that had been reserved for applications from the general public and employees was about two times oversubscribed, attracting applications from more than 200,000 investors. The basis of allocation is to be announced today by the company, whose chairman is Sir Eric Sharp.

A third of the 146.11 million shares on offer were reserved for the general public. A further third was offered by way of rights to existing shareholders and this was roughly 75 per cent subscribed.

The sale is Britain's second largest equity issue after last year's floation of British Telecom. Of the amount raised, £602 million will go to the Government which is selling its remaining 22.7 per cent stake in the telecommunications group, and £331 million to the company.

At one stage yesterday, the price of Cable and Wireless shares dropped below 587p at which the Government had chosen to pitch the offer for sale. But applications from the public which had been posted several days previously, were sufficient to save the issue from disaster. Last night the shares closed at 595p.

The "stags" steered clear of the issue.

Of the 146.1 million shares on offer, a third were placed with professional institutional investors in the City and another third were offered to existing shareholders by way of rights on the basis of one new share for every eight held. The remaining one-third block which was earmarked for private investors was comfortably oversubscribed.

Brown calls in Panel after S & N 'victory'

By Jeremy Warner, Business Correspondent

Scottish & Newcastle Breweries was last night accused of "a clear breach of takeover rules and etiquette" after declaring unconditional its £126 million bid for Matthew Brown, the Blackburn brewer.

Matthew Brown said it refused to accept the result, which comes after a bitter takeover battle lasting more than six months.

An appeal has been lodged with the Takeover Panel and Matthew Brown said it would not hesitate to take its case to the courts if necessary.

Shortly after 3.30 pm yesterday, when the offer was due to close, Scottish & Newcastle said it had acceptances from shareholders representing more than 47 per cent of the equity, and it was extending the offer to 5 pm.

Morgan Grenfell, Scottish & Newcastle's merchant bank adviser, had by 5pm persuaded more shareholders to accept tipping the acceptance level over 50 per cent.

Schroders, the merchant bank advising Matthew Brown, said last night that Scottish & Newcastle had breached takeover rules by extending the offer, and that an appeal to the Takeover Panel's full executive was being made.

Mr Nicholas Jones, of Schrodens, said: "The offer should have lapsed at 3.30 when they did not have enough acceptances to win.

"Having behaved appallingly throughout the day by phoning round members of the Brown and Theakston families in an attempt to get them to sell their shares, they then went ahead and broke the rules in order to win."

Mr Jones added: "Very heavy pressure was undoubtedly applied to a number of institutions between 3.30 and 5. Their announcement at 3.30 that they were close to winning was also against the spirit of the rules since it was an attempt to bulldoze people into accepting."

Matthew Brown shares rose 22p to 560p on the announcement that the offer was unconditonal. Earlier jobbers had been refusing to make a price in the shares anticipating an extremely close result.

The Prudential, owning just under 5 per cent of the shares, accepted the bid. A spokesman said it was "an extremely difficult decision to make" but the price being offered was too good to reject.

Morgan Grenfell has handed a list to the Takeover Panel of all those who accepted the bid after 3.30 pm.

In a statement shortly after 5 pm, Scottish & Newcastle said that "acceptances, together with shares owned or agreed to be acquired by S & N, amount to over 50 per cent of the issued ordinary share capital of Matthew Brown and the offer has been declares unconditional as to acceptances."

Accountancy award for council

By Ian Griffiths

The public sector is waking up to the need to present its financial results to the consumer in a clear, effective and efficient fashion.

This is indicated by the level of interest in the 1985 Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy's annual accounts award, which is designed to promote improved financial reporting in the public sector.

A record 118 bodies submitted their accounts for consideration by the panel of judges, a 50 per cent increase on last year. There was also a wider spread of interest among the public sector.

The winner of the 1985 award was the City of Southampton which was selected for its integration of financial and non-financial data and for its emphasis on accountability to consumers.

Announcing the awards, Sarah Hogg, economics editor of *The Times* and a member of the judging panel, singled out the entrants from the health authorities as the most encouraging section of the scheme.

She said: "Authorities are now tackling the difficult but essential issue of defining performance indicators. There were many genuine attempts to explain the complex relationships between services and finance to the layman."

Fresh state aid unlikely for steel

By Edward Townsend
Industrial Correspondent

Mr Robert Scholey, chief executive and chairman-elect of the British Steel Corporation, yesterday dismissed suggestions that European governments would intervene again to prop up ailing steel companies.

State aid to steel industries in the European Community finishes at the end of this year, but there have been fears that governments will be forced to throw lifelines to their companies if the industry's troubles, largely stemming from over capacity, continue

But Mr Scholey, who is also president of Eurofer, the cartel of European steelmakers, said: "My view is that such intervention is highly unlikely and that the European steel industry has roughly two or three years to get its act together before finding itself in a free marketing situation".

Initially, the European industry faced considerable difficulty. It was feeling the mixed consequences of a weakened dollar and its effect on the mark, imports from Third World countries were increasing and steel makers in the EEC were at various stages of reconstruction. In addition, the European Commission calculated that another 26 million tonnes of hot-rolled capacity needed to be taken out of service.

Charter Consolidated profits up 31%

By Michael Prest, Financial Correspondent

Charter Cosolidated, the mining and idustrial finance house, raised pretax profits for the first-half to the end of September by 31 per cent to £11.1 million. Earnings per share recovered from 4.3p to 7.3p, but the dividend was maintained at 3.75p net.

Meanwhile, Anderson Strathclyde, the Scottish mining equipment maker which Charter bought two years ago, slipped back from a £494,000 pretax profit to an £868,000 loss in its first-half.

Charter's higher profits are largely explained by much lower interest charges, the result of extensive closure and reshaping of businesses. Interest payable dropped from £9.6 million to £5.9 million.

But operating profits were £1.2 million lower at £9.23 million. Mr Neil Clarke, Charter's chief executive, said that Anderson Strathclyde's results, for which its American subsidiary National Mine Service was partly responsible, and the contracting and civil engineering parts of Shand had been disappointing.

But he said that operating profits would improve in the present six months and that most of the management changes in and restructuring of Charter's subsidiaries and associates had been completed.

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

FT Ind Ord	1103.7 (–12.0)
FT All Share	667.71 (–5.78)
FT Govt Securities	82.74 (–0.07)
FT-SE 100	1377.4 (–12.1)
Bargains	24,891
Datastream USM	105.54 (–1.84)
New York	
Dow Jones	1507.22 (+8.03)
Tokyo	
Nikkei Dow	12972.00 (+121.05)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	1723.05 (–5.24)
Amsterdam:	234.5 (–2.0)
Sydney: AO	980.6 (n/c)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1745.3 (+6.2)
Brussels:	
General	848.15 (–27.75)
Paris: CAC	247.5 (–0.3)
Zurich:	
SKA General	481.10 (+6.1)

GOLD

London fixing:
am $316.80pm–$315.50
close $315.00–$315.50–£223.25–£223.75
New York:
Comex $315.35

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:

Brewmaker	22p +3p
Benlox Hldgs	24p +3p
Sunleigh Electr	14.50p +1.50p
Spencer Clark	120p +7p
Barr & Wal Arnd A	125p +9p
Fergabrook Group	26p +2p
Dbe Technology	48p +3p
Yelverton Invs	37p +2p

FALLS:

Microvitec	18p –6p
Intervis Video	3.50p –1p
Adam Leisure Gp	7p –1p
Steaua Romana RV	15p –2p
Tds Circuits	110p –13p
Charterhall	26p –3p
Bolton Textile	19p –2p
Juliana's Hldgs	68p –7p
Aspinal Hldgs	155p –14p
McCarthy & Stone	240p –20p
Central & Shearwood	6p –0.50p
Falcon Inds	25p –2p
Clyde Petroleum	51p –4p
Cluff Oil Hldgs	28p –2p
ICC Oil Services	6.50–0.50p
Monument Oil & Gas	13p –1p
Carless, Capel & Leonard	99p –7p
Sangers Photo	98p –7p
Comb Tech Corp	7p –0.50p

CURRENCIES

London:
£: $1.4107 (–0.0263)
£: DM 3.5991(–0.0477)
£: Swfr 3.0103(–0.0368)
£: FFr 10.9856(–0.1551)
£: Yen 288.15(–3.98)
£ Index: 77.9(–1.0).
New York:
£: $1.4110
$: DM 2.5457
$ Index: 127.9(+0.2)
ECU £0.607210
SDR £0.753864

INTEREST RATES

London:
Bank Base: 11½%
3-month Interbank 11⅜₁₆–11⅛₁₆%
3-month eligible bills:
buying rate 11⅛₃₂–11⅜₁₆
US:
Prime Rate 9.50%
Federal Funds 8%
3-month Treasury Bills 7.17–7.15%
30-year bond price 102²⁵⁄₃₂–102²⁹⁄₃₂

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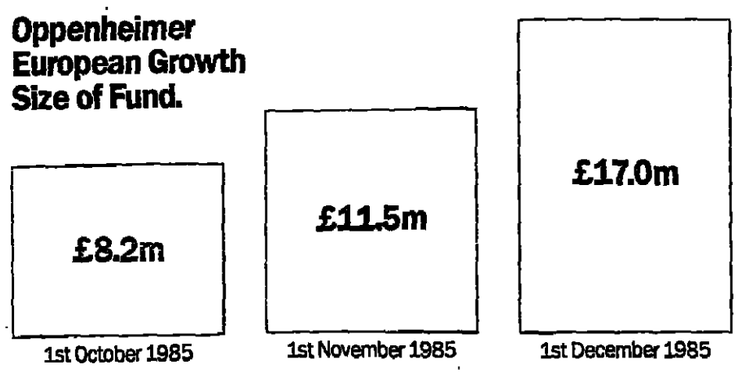
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WALL STREET

	Dec 10	Dec 9		Dec 10	Dec 9		Dec 10	Dec 9
AMR	43⅞	42⅞	Exxon Corp	48⅝	52⅛	Pfizer	55⅝	53⅝
ASA	34⅝	34⅞	Fed Dept Stores	85⅝	89⅝	Phelps Dodge	23⅛	23⅝
Allied Signal	45⅞	45⅝	Firestone	20⅝	20⅝	Philip Morris	80⅛	80⅝
Allied Stores	68⅛	66⅞	Fst Chicago	25⅞	25⅝	Phillips Petrol	11⅛	12⅛
Allis Chalmers	3⅛	3⅛	Fst Interst Bncp	53	53	*Polaroid*	39	39⅝
Alcoa	38	37	Fst Penn Corp	6⅛	6⅛	PPG Ind	47⅝	47⅝
Amax Inc	12⅛	12⅛	Ford	56	55⅛	Procter Gamble	68⅞	68⅞
Amerada Hess	25⅞	27⅛	GAF Corp	60⅝	57⅜	Pub Ser El & Gas	30⅝	30⅝
Am Brands	60⅝	61⅛	GTE Corp	44⅛	44	Raytheon	51⅛	50⅝
Am Broadcast	120⅛	120⅛	Gen Corp	62⅛	60⅞	RCA Corp	52⅝	49⅛
Am Can	61	61⅜	Gen Dynamics	67⅛	67⅜	Reynolds Ind	28⅝	28⅝
Am Cyanamid	58	57⅜	*Gen Electric*	67⅞	66⅝	*Reynolds Metal*	34⅛	34⅝
Am Elec Power	23⅝	23⅛	Gen Inst	16⅛	15⅝	Rockwell Int	37⅜	35⅝
Am Express	51⅛	51	Gen Mills	57	58⅛	Royal Dutch	58	60⅛
Am Home	63¾	63⅛	Gen Motors	72⅛	72⅝	Safeways	35⅝	35⅞
Am Motors	2⅜	2⅜	Gen Pub Util NY	16⅛	16⅛	Sara Lee	48⅞	48⅝
Am Standard	37	37⅛	Genesco	3⅛	3⅛	SFE Sopac	35⅝	35⅞
Am Telephone	24⅛	24⅛	Georgia Pacific	25⅞	25⅝	SCM	72⅝	72⅝
Amoco	60⅛	63⅜	Gillette	69⅞	69⅛	Schlumberger	32⅝	32⅞
Armco Steel	9⅛	9⅝	Goodrich	32⅛	33	Scott Paper	47⅛	47⅛
Asarco	18⅝	18⅛	Goodyear	29⅝	29⅝	Seagram	45⅝	45⅛
AshMand Oil	38⅛	37⅝	Gould Inc	30⅜	32⅝	Sears Roebuck	40⅛	39⅞
Atlantic Richfield	61	63	Grace	47	45⅛	Shell Trans	36	37⅛
Avon Products	28⅜	28⅝	Gt Atlic & Pacific	19⅛	19⅛	Singer	41⅛	42⅛
Bankers Tst NY	72	70⅝	Greyhound	30⅛	31⅞	Smithkline Beck	75⅝	77
Bankamerica	13⅝	13⅜	Grumman Corp	31⅝	32⅛	Sony	19⅝	19⅛
Bank of Boston	57	57⅛	Gulf & West	47⅜	48⅛	Sth Cal Edison	29⅞	29⅝
Bank of NY	48⅝	47⅜	Heinz H. J.	31⅛	32⅛	Sperry Corp	51⅝	50⅝
Baxter Trav	15⅜	15⅞	Hercules	39⅜	39⅛	Std Oil Ohio	49⅝	50⅜
Beatrice Foods	45⅛	45⅛	*Hewlett-Pkrd*	37⅜	36⅞	*Sterling Drug*	37	37
Bethlehem Steel	15⅜	15⅝	Honeywell	73⅛	72	Stevens J. P.	28⅝	28⅝
Boeing	51⅛	51⅛	IC Inds	40⅜	39⅛	Sun Comp	48⅝	49⅛
Boise Cascade	45	45⅛	Ingersoll	54⅛	54⅛	Teledyne	296⅞	295
Borden	48⅝	48⅝	*Inland Steel*	24	24	*Tenneco*	39⅝	40⅞
Borg Warner	22⅞	22⅝	IBM	146⅝	144⅛	Texaco	31	30⅞
Bristol Myers	64⅛	64⅛	Int Harvester	8⅝	9⅝	Texas East Corp	31⅝	32⅛
BP	30⅛	31⅛	INCO	12⅝	12⅝	Texas Inst	107¼	107
Burlington Ind	31⅝	31⅛	Int Paper	49⅜	48⅞	*Texas Utilities*	30	29⅞
Burlington Nthn	68⅛	68⅞	Int Tel Tel	34⅛	34⅝	Textron	51	50⅛
Burroughs	62	61⅞	Irving Bank	40⅛	40⅛	Travelers Corp	46⅛	45⅛
Campbell Soup	51⅞	55	Jim Walter	41⅝	41	TRW Inc	82⅛	83
Canadian Pacific	12⅜	12⅝	Johnson & John	50⅝	50⅛	UAL Inc	52⅞	51⅛
Caterpillar	40⅛	40⅛	Kaiser Alumin	16⅞	16⅛	Unilever NV	134½	135⅝
Celanese	142⅝	141⅞	Kerr McGee	39⅛	39⅞	Union Carbide	84⅛	86⅝
Cent Pac SW	29⅞	28⅝	Kimberly Clark	88⅝	89⅛	Un Pacific Corp	49⅝	50⅞
Champion	24⅞	25⅞	K Mart	35⅛	35	United Brands	24	23⅝
Chase Manhat	66⅛	66⅜	Kroger	47⅞	47⅛	US Steel	24⅜	25⅛
Chem Bank NY	44⅝	44	L.T.V. Corp	6⅛	6⅝	Utd Technol	44⅛	43⅛
Chevron	34⅜	36	*Litton*	77½	77⅜	Unocal	27⅞	28⅝
Chrysler	42⅛	42⅝	Lockheed	48⅛	48	Wachovia	36	36
Citicorp	47⅞	47⅛	Lucky Stores	25	25⅜	Warner Lambert	44	43⅞
Clark Equip	25	24⅝	Manuf Hanover	44⅛	43⅝	Wells Fargo	62⅝	63⅛
Coca Cola	85⅝	84⅞	Manville Cp	5⅝	5⅞	Westinghse Elec	44⅞	44⅝
Colgate	29⅞	29⅝	Mapco	35	34⅛	Weyerhauser	31⅞	31⅛
CBS	108⅝	108⅛	Marine Midland	38⅝	37	Whirlpool	47⅞	48⅛
Columbia Gas	35⅞	36⅛	Martin Marietta	34⅛	34½	Woolworth	60	59⅝
Combustion Eng	26⅞	26⅝	Masco	36⅝	36⅝	Xerox Corp	60	59⅝
Comwlth Edison	29⅝	29⅝	McDonnell	72⅞	76	Zenith	16⅜	16⅛
Cons Edison	37	36⅝	Mead	46⅛	46⅞			
Cons Nat Gas	45⅞	45⅞	Merck	132⅛	131⅞			
Cons Power	7⅞	8	Minnesota Mng	89⅛	87⅞			
Control Data	19⅛	18⅝	Mobil Oil	29	29⅛			
Corning Glass	60⅛	59⅝	Monsanto	47⅞	47⅛			
CPC Intl	51⅞	51⅞	Morgan J. P.	61⅛	59⅝			
Crane	36⅛	38⅛	Motorola	38⅛	38			
Crown Zeller	40⅛	39⅞	NCR Corp	39⅝	38⅛			
Dart & Kraft	41⅞	40⅝	NL Industries	12⅝	13⅛			
Deere	26	26⅛	Nat Distillers	36⅛	35⅛			
Delta Air	39⅛	39⅝	Nat Med Ent	23⅜	22⅝			
Detroit Edison	15⅛	15⅜	Nat Semicndctr	13⅞	13⅜			
Digital Equip	130⅛	127⅝	Norfolk South	77⅝	77½			
Disney	107⅝	103⅝	NW Bancorp	28⅛	28½			
Dow Chemical	39⅝	39⅝	Occidental Pet	31⅛	32⅛			
Dresser Ind	17½	18⅝	Ogden	32⅝	32⅛			
Duke Power	36	35⅞	Olin Corp	2.00	2.05			
Du Pont	63⅛	65⅛	Owens-Illinois	54	54⅝			
Eastern Air	6⅝	6⅝	Pacific Gas Elec	19⅜	19⅞			
Eastman Kodak	31⅝	50⅝	Pan Am	7⅞	7⅞			
Eaton Corp	63	63⅛	*Penney J. C.*	56	55⅞			
Emerson Elect	76⅛	76⅛	Pennzoil	66⅛	63⅝			
Emery Air Frgt	16⅝	16⅝	Pepsico	72⅛	71			

● Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. b Bid. k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Dow races to 1500

New York (Agencies). Prices opened lower in active trading yesterday. The Dow Jones average, which rose 2.18 to a record 1,499.20 on Tuesday, was down shortly after the market opened, but soon rallied and climbed to 1,505.39, up 6.19, about midday.

Declining issues led advancing shares 362-351 among the 1,221 crossing the New York Stock Exchange tape.

The market is trying to move higher, according to Mr Stephen Weisglass of Ladenburg, Thalmann and Co.

Mr Weisglass said weakness in the oil stocks was a temporary hindrance to the market but that cheaper energy would benefit it in general by *widening corporate profit margins.*

Stock prices were continuing their recent upward trend, said Mr John Smith, market analyst at Fahnestock, said. He cited new highs in Sears and General Electric, both blue chip issues.

The market has good leadership, a solid tone, and is *resistant to selling pressure*", he said.

Mr Harry Villec, of Sutro and Co in San Francisco, forecast the Dow would climb to 1,650 by the second quarter of 1986.

CANADIAN PRICES

Abitibi	18	17⅛
Alcan Alumin	39⅝	39⅞
Algoma Steel	19⅞	20⅛
Bell Telephone	41⅜	41⅛
Can Pacific	17⅝	17⅝
Cominco	11⅛	11⅞
Cons Bathurst	18⅛	18
Gulf Oil	20⅛	20⅛
Hawker/Sid Can	22⅛	22
Hudson Bay Min	8⅝	8⅝
Imasco	26	25⅞
Imperial Oil	51⅛	53
Inv Pipe	43⅛	43⅝
Mass-Fergsn	2.00	2.05
Royal Trustco	22⅛	22⅛
Seagram	63⅝	63⅝
Steel Co	23⅞	23⅛
Thomson N 'A'	22⅛	22⅝
Walker Hiram	33⅞	33½
WCT	17⅜	17⅛

COMMODITIES

Rumours of an impending settlement of the tin crisis combined with sterling's weakness to inject life into the London Metal Exchange. Volumes and prices look better than for several weeks. Aluminium, copper and zinc have been the chief performers.

Softs were less active, with the exception of coffee. Strong buying interest in New York as well as London on the back of the Brazilian drought made for vigorous business. Gas oil traded a record 8,906 lots.

Financial futures had a another energetic day.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE
Rubber in p per kilo; Soyabean meal, coffee and cocoa in £ per tonne; Gas-oil and sugar in US $ per tonne.
G W Joyce and Co report

RUBBER
All months unquoted
Vol ..... nil

SUGAR
(Raw)
(No 6 at 16.40 hrs)
Mar 161.0–160.5
May 165.0–64.5
Aug 170.0–169.0
Oct 174.0–73.5
Dec ..... unquoted
Mar ..... unquoted
Vol 1343

SUGAR
(White)
All months unquoted
Vol ..... nil

COCOA
Dec 1705–05
Mar 1753–52
May 1798–93
July 1779–75
Sep 1795–94
Dec 1800–1794
Mar 1810–09
Vol 3657

COFFEE
Jan 2050–2045
Mar 2100–2098
May 2160–2155
Jul 2212–2210
Sep 2255–2250
Nov 2299–2275
Vol 8570

SOYABEAN
Feb 127.5–27.2
Apr 129.2–28.0
Jne 123.4–23.1
Aug 122.4–22.1
Oct 124.4–23.0
Dec 125.5–28.5
Vol 70

GAS OIL
Jan 235.75–235.00
Feb 232.00–231.75
Mar 229.50–229.00
Apr 213.50–212.75
May 208.00–207.25
Jne 205.50–204.75
Jly 203.50–202.50
Aug 202.00–200.50
Sep 212.00–200.00
Vol 8906

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices
Official turnover figures
Prices in £ per metric tonne
Silver in pence per troy ounce
Russell Wolff & Co, Ltd. report

COPPER HIGH GRADE
Cash 992.00–993.00
Three months 1013.00–1014.00
Vol 20050
Tone ..... Firm

STANDARD CATHODES
Cash 977.00–978.00
Three months 997.00–998.00
Vol ..... Nil
Tone ..... Idle

TIN
Suspended

LEAD
Cash 268.00–268.50
Three months 278.00–278.25
Vol 3600
Tone ..... Easier

ZINC STANDARD
Cash 445.00–450.00
Vol 50
Tone ..... Quiet

ZINC HIGH GRADE
Cash 476.00–476.50
Three months 474.00–474.50
Vol 2025
Tone ..... Steady

SILVER LARGE
Cash 403.0–404.0
Three months 415.0–416.0
Vol 8
Tone ..... Firmer

SILVER SMALL
Cash 402.0–404.0
Three months 415.0–416.0
Vol ..... Nil
Tone ..... Idle

ALUMINIUM
Cash 731.00–732.00
Three months 756.50–757.00
Vol 8750
Tone ..... Firm

NICKEL
Cash 2860–2870
Three months 2900–2905
Vol 594
Tone ..... Firm

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on December 11

GB: Cattle, 101.99p per kg lw (+6.13).
GB: Sheep, 159.50p per kg est d c w (+4.89).
GB: Pigs, 79.55p per kg lw (–0.80).

England and Wales:
Cattle nos. down 31.8 per cent, ave. price, 102.12p (+6.49).
Sheep nos. down 0.3 per cent, ave. price, 160.62p (+5.89).
Pig nos. up 14.3 per cent, ave. price, 79.55p (–0.80).

Scotland:
Cattle nos. down 45.4 per cent, ave. price, 101.33p (+4.79).
Sheep nos. up 43.0 per cent, ave. price, 150.16p (–3.06).

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Wheat Close	Barley Close
Jan	£118.10	£110.40
Mar	£115.95	£113.35
May	£116.90	£115.35
Jly	£120.95	–
Sep	£99.00	£98.50
Nov	£101.95	£101.45
Volume:		
Wheat	1780	
Barley	1350	

LONDON MEAT FUTURES EXCHANGE
Live Pig Contract
p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Jan	93.0	93.0
Feb	94.0	94.0
Mar	unquoted	unquoted
Apr	92.0	92.0
May	93.0	93.0
Jun	96.0	96.0
Jul	90.0	90.0
Aug	85.0	85.0
Sep	90.0	90.0
Oct	98.0	98.0
Nov	unquoted	unquoted
		Vol:0

Pig meat
p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Feb	102.0	102.0
Apr	103.0	103.0
Jun	10.30	100.2
Aug	98.9	98.9
Oct	103.9	103.5
Nov	105.2	105.3
		Vol:2

LONDON POTATO FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Open	Close
Feb	82.50	81.80
Apr	91.70	91.00
May	95.50	96.50
Nov	73.60	74.00
Feb	85.00	85.00
		Vol:120

BALTIC FREIGHT INDEX
G.N.I. Freight Futures Ltd report
$10 per index point

	High/Low	Close
Jan	585–582	582.0
Apr	935–934	932.5
Jul	0,000–000	915.0
Oct	0,000–000	916.0
Jan	—	925.0
Apr	—	970.0
Jul	—	870.0
Oct	1,148–148	975.0

Spot: 916.0
Vol.: 47 lots.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Volatility of the spot oil market had the pound crashing another 3 cents against the dollar yesterday though it closed above the worst with a little help from its friends.

Sterling came under heavy pressure as the spot oil price gave up an early improvement. It fell as low as 1.4065 to the dollar, but mounted a rally as the German central bank said it had sold a modest amount of the dollar on the open market.

At the close, the pound showed an overall loss of 2.63 cents at $1.4107, bringing the fall to more than 5 cents in five days.

The dollar was up nearly 2 pfennigs against the mark at 2.5565 when the West German central bank acted. But after dipping below overnight 2.5388, it fought back again to close at 2.5485.

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range December 11	Market rates close December 11	1 month	3 months
New York	$1.4065-1.4350	$1.4102-1.4115	0.44-0.41c prem	1.29-1.26c prm
Montreal	$1.9648-2.0013	$1.9648-1.9711	0.49-0.40c prm	1.31-1.17c prm
Amsterdam	4.0475-4.11088	4.0497-4.05818	2¾-1¾c prem	6-5¾c prem
Brussels	73.27-74.28f	73.37-73.42f	20-14c prem	57-45c prm
Copenhagen	13.0152-13.2229k	13.0152-13.0350k	3-2½ore prem	8¾-7¾ore prm
Dublin	1.1848-1.1827p	1.1855-1.1885p	25-12p prem	59-29p prm
Frankfurt	3.4864-3.5535m	3.5958-3.6024m	2¾-2pf prem	6¾-6pf prem
Lisbon	226.24-233.74e	226.24-230.73e	25 prem-45e disc	420-1200e disc
Madrid	222.14-225.37p	222.14-222.52p	55-135p disc	180-280p disc
Milan	2446.22-2484.79r	2448.22-2454.92r	1-3lire disc	3½-3lire disc
Oslo	10.9161-11.0847k	10.9161-10.9376k	¼-¾ore disc	1¼-2ore disc
Paris	10.9762-11.1438f	10.9762-10.9946f	Par-1¼c disc	1¼-4¾c disc
Stockholm	10.9458-11.1026k	10.9458-10.9573k	1-1¼ore disc	1¾-1¾ore disc
Tokyo	287.89-292.08dy	287.89-288.41y	¼-¾y prem	2¾-2¾y prem
Vienna	25.26-25.68sch	25.26-25.30sch	1¾-1½gro prem	3¾-2¾gro prm
Zurich	3.0065-3.0487f	3.0065-3.0140f	2¾-1¾c prem	6¾-5¾c prm

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral	1.284–1.311
Australia dollar	2.0613–2.0656
Bahrain dinar	0.5270–0.5350
Brazil cruzeiro	13688.00–13774.00
Cyprus pound	0.7750–0.7950
Finland markka	7.8450–7.9250
Greece drachma	211.50–215.50
Hong Kong dollar	11.0200–11.0320
India rupee	17.15–17.55
Kuwait dinar (KD)	0.4090–0.4140
Malaysia dollar	3.4325–3.4365
Mexico peso	3623.00–3685.00
New Zealand dollar	2.5872–2.5785
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.1110–5.1910
Singapore dollar	3.0005–3.0041
South Africa rand	3.7503–3.7731
United Arab Emirates dirham	5.1410–5.2210

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.2115-1.2130
Singapore	2.1250-2.1260
Malaysia	2.4310-2.4320
Australia	0.6840-0.6850
Canada	1.3810-1.3830
Sweden	7.7475-7.7525
Norway	7.7325-7.7375
Denmark	9.2125-9.2175
West Germany	2.5415-2.5435
Switzerland	2.1290-2.1310
Netherlands	2.8650-2.8680
France	7.7600-7.7700
Japan	203.80-204.00
Italy	1725.0-1730.0
Belgium(Comm)	51.80-51.90
Hong Kong	7.8050-7.8070
Portugal	150.75-151.75
Spain	157.10-157.50
Austria	17.85-17.87

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel. *Lloyds Bank International.

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

The completely flat line on interbank term deposits reflected the market's bemused state at the end of day yesterday. Bearishness was *threatening to take over from* the lingering bullishness that has been loath to evaporate through months of disappointment since the summer.

The yield curve was only marginally less flat on sterling certificate of deposit.

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 11½
Finance House 12

Discount Market Loans%
Overnight: High 11½ Low 11
Weak fixed: 11⅜–11¼

Treasury Bills (Discount %)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	11⅝	2 months	11¼
3 months	11⅝	3 months	11¼

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 month 11⅝–11¼ 2 months 11⅝–11¼
3 months 11⅝–11⅜ 6 months 11⅝–10⅝

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 month 11⅝ 2 months 11⅝
3 months 11⅝ 6 months 11⅝

Interbank (%)
Overnight open 11½–11⅜ close 12
1 week 11⅝–11½ 6 months 11⅝–11⅝
1 month 11⅝–11⅝ 9 months 11⅝–11⅝
3 months 11⅝–11⅝ 12 months 11⅝–11⅝

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 days 11½ 7 days 11½
1 month 11½ 3 months 11½
6 months 11⅝ 12 months 11½

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 month 12⅛–11⅞ 2 months 12–11⅞
3 months 12–11⅝ 6 months 11⅞–11⅝
9 months 11⅝–11½ 12 months 11⅝–11¼

Sterling CDs (%)
1 month 11⅝–11½ 3 months 11⅝–11⅜
6 months 11½–11⅜ 12 months 11⅜–11⅛

Dollar CDs (%)
1 month 8.05-8.00 3 months 8.00-7.95
6 months 8.00-7.95 12 months 8.15-8.10

EURO-CURRENCY DEPOSITS %

Dollar		call	6⅝–7⅛
7 days	8⅛–7⅝	1 month	8⅛–8
3 months	8⅛–8	6 months	8⅛–8
Deutschmark		call	5–4
7 days	4¾–4½	1 month	4¾–4⅝
3 months	4¾–4⅝	6 months	4¾–4⅝
French Franc		call	2¼–1¼
7 days	10¼–10	*1 month*	13–12
3 months	13–12	6 months	12½–11½
Swiss Franc		call	5–3
7 days	1¾–1½	1 month	4⅛–4⅜
3 months	4⅝–4⅞	6 months	4⅝–4⅛
Yen		call	6–4
7 days	8¼–8⅛	1 month	8⅛–8⅜
3 months	8–7½	6 months	7½–7⅜

GOLD

Krugerrand* (per coin): $318.50-318.00 (£224.25-225.50)
Sovereigns* (new): £77.00-78.00 (£54.50-55.25)
*Excludes VAT

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV
Average reference rate for interest period 6 November, 1985 to 3 December, 1985, inclusive: 11.612 per cent.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Three Month Sterling	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Dec 85	88.14	88.20	88.03	88.08	385
Mar 86	88.55	88.56	88.34	88.39	4820
Jun 86	88.93	88.96	88.80	88.81	428
Sep 86	89.16	89.16	88.95	89.02	224
Dec 86	88.95	89.00	88.95	89.00	6
Previous day's total open interest 7557					
Three Month Eurodollar					
Dec 85	91.92	91.94	91.91	91.90	427
Mar 86	92.13	92.15	92.09	92.10	3178
Jun 86	91.96	92.00	91.95	91.95	551
Sep 86	91.70	91.72	91.70	91.70	276
Dec 86	91.41	91.41	91.41	91.41	5
Mar 87	91.12	91.12	91.12	91.12	8
Previous day's total open interest 21413					
US Treasury Bond					
Dec 85	83-17	84-00	83-17	83-27	72
Mar 86	82-12	82-28	82-09	82-21	4071
Previous day's total open interest 3368					
Short Gilt					
Dec 85	NT			96-19	0
Mar 86	*96-40*	*96-40*	*96-18*	96-30	747
Previous day's total open interest					
Long Gilt					
Dec 85	110-16	110-16	110-16	110-13	8
Mar 86	110-19	110-26	110-08	110-20	5358
Previous day's total open interest 5186					
FT-SE 100					
Dec 85	*138.60*	*139.00*	*138.00*	*138.65*	474
Mar 85	139.80	140.30	139.50	140.20	132
Previous day s total open interest 2782					

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div %	Yld pence	P/E
101	87	Alliance	98	+1	3.5	2.5	..
698	590	Alliance	660	+5	20.1n	4.6	..
152	116	Amer Trust	134		4.5	3.6	..
262	245	Anglo Amer Sec	253	-1	9.2	3.6	..
152	123	Ashdown	148		4.2n	2.9	..
130	88	Atlantic Assets	112½	+½	6.5	5.7	..
153	96	Bankers	96		3.5n	3.7	..
154	152	Berry	151		5.1	3.4	..
162	152	Border & Sthrn	160		5.1	3.2	..
221	190	Br Assets	215		10.6	5.1	..
30½	29	Br Empire Sec	30		0.7	2.2	..
324	312	British Inv	320		20.9n	6.7	..
83	64	Brunner	79		3.1n	4.0	..
82	72	Charter Agency	82		2.9n	3.6	..
650	525	Continental	650		30.0n	4.6	..
178	118	Crescent Japan	148		1.1	0.8	..
115	97	Derby Inv	112		16.9	9.7	..
127	95	Dd Cap	115	-2	..	..	..
330	284	Drayton Cons	315		14.2	4.5	..
148	112	Drayton Far East	135		1.8	1.3	..
342	312	Drayton Japan	325		3.9n	1.2	..
333	283	Drayton Premier	330		20.7p	6.3	..
198	169	Dundee Lon	193		7.7	4.1	..
180	152	Edin Amer Asset	162		1.6	0.9	..
130	103	Edinburgh	115½		4.8p	3.5	..
352	234	Electra Gen	338		6.1	1.8	..
140	114	English Int	136		5.0	3.6	..
79	66	English Scot	79		2.8	3.5	..
111	91	English NY	109		3.6	3.3	..
97	76	F & C Alliance	97		2.5	2.7	..
268	222	F&C Pacific	241		1.8p	0.8	..
245	186	Fleming	240		11.2p	4.7	..
292	262	First Scot Amer	280		12.8n	4.4	..
98	85	First Un Dis	95		6.7n	6.2	..
560	415	Fleming Assentcs	478		7.5	1.6	..
235	235	Fleming Clever	257		12.8	4.5	..
255	238	Fleming Enterprise	255		12.1	4.1	..
199	178	Fleming Far East	199		1.5	0.7	..
113	103	Fleming Fledgling	111		3.6	3.2	..
588	405	Fleming Japan	458		5.7	1.2	..
192	166	Fleming Overseas	192		3.2	1.7	..
134	108	Fleming Overseas	114		3.3	2.9	..
163	135	Fleming Tech	136	-1	3.5	2.4	..
224	208	Fleming Universal	208	-2	7.1p	3.5	..
¾	½	For Oil	¾		2.0p	3.6	..
191	91	GBC Capital	91		14.0n	15.4	..
135	115	GT Japan	135	+2	2.7	2.0	..
158	97	General Funds	138		2.7	2.0	..
199	159	General Cons	195		14.3n	5.0	..
125	103½	Glasgow Stock	115		2.9n	2.5	..
306	231	Globe	294	-2	14.5	4.9	..

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div %	Yld pence	P/E
270	222	Greenfriar	255		2.2	0.8	..
276	230	Greshams House	268		5.1	2.3	..
171	138	Hambros	165		6.4	3.9	..
227	208	Henderson	225		13.5	6.1	..
540	448	Invest-to Souvers	535		7.3	1.5	..
264	208	Inv Cap	243		5.3p	2.3	..
161½	142	Japan Assets	142	+½	3.3n	2.3	..
192	162	Law Debenture	190		8.8p	4.8	..
88	66	Lon Merchant Sec	78		3.1	4.0	..
86	66	Lon Trust	86		3.8	4.4	..
110	86	Martlands	104		5.4p	5.2	..
174	152	Monks	158	+1	8.4p	5.3	..
136	106	Murray Income	131		7.7p	5.9	..
117	98	Murray Growth	114	+½	6.4p	5.6	..
143	112	Murray Int	132		6.4n	4.9	..
216	183	Murray Scott	208		8.7p	4.2	..
333	288	Murray Venture	332		7.5	2.4	..
408	354	New Court	408		29.4	8.1	..
77	61	New Darien Dl	66		0.5	0.7	..
178	158	NMW	166		6.7	4.0	..
64	57	Northern Inv 6%	57½		4.8p	8.0	..
154	137	New Tokyo	144	-4	2.6p	1.8	..
324	245	Nth Atlantic Sec	271		4.9	1.8	..
83	74½	Nth Sea Assets	78		6.7	8.6	..
239	227	Nthn Amer	239		7.7	3.2	..
149	129	Oriental	146		4.4	3.0	..
101	82	Pacific Assets	98		..	..	..
43	33	Do Warrants	38		0.5	0.6	..
43	33	Personal Assets	38		0.5	0.6	.

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

Profit-taking sends shares tumbling

By Derek Pain and Pam Spooner

Equities came close to slipping below 1,100 points yesterday as the oil price war and Mrs Thatcher's interest rate warning took thier toll.

There was a wave of selling when the market opened with some private investors dismayed by the market's recent softness and anxious to take whatever profit that remained.

But trading quietened down after the initial activity and a rather more serence atmosphere prevailed.

Shares of Home Charm, the do-it-yourself group, slipped 5p to 298p as Mr Jack Defries, chartist at Greene & Co., the broker, detected "a major sell signal". The shares, which have been as high as 365p this year, could be heading for 260p or even 215p.

Consumer shares were particularly weak. Besides the Prime Minister's interest rate comments they had to contend with sterling's continuing retreat reducing the scope, or even hope of tax cuts.

The FT 30-share index closed down 12.0 points at 1,103.7 points. The FT-SE share index suffered a 12.1 points decline to 1,377.4 points making a 24.5 points fall so far this week.

Stores were marked lower and breweries suffered some sharp falls. Bass, the biggest brewer, fell 28p to 630p at one time. But Matthew Brown, the Blackburn brewery, jumped 42p to 580p as it appeared that Scottish and Newcastle Breweries had just clinched victory in the bitterly contested takeover bid. Scottish fell 2p to 176p.

Government stocks closed off their bottom, down up to £¼.

The great Cable & Wireless share sale finished quietly with the issue over-subscribed, perhaps 1½ times. The shares rose 5p to 595p.

Oils, predictably, suffered as the crude price continued to slide. British Petroleum lost 8p to 533p. Explorers were particularly weak. Triton, the old Ifrvent Energy, slumped 40p to 255p with the stock shipping more punishment than some others because of its recent strength.

British Aerospace fell 12p to 451p alongside reports that the Saudis may pull out of the contract to buy Tornado aircraft, but the tales looked farfetched.

More to the point for British Aerospace is how the Saudis will pay for the contract. The buyers have already said they wish to pay in oil, and the commodity is now looking like the weakest currency around.

Other engineering companies faded in the dull atmosphere. TI Group dropped 10p to 377p as the City began to lose hope of any takeover move for the metals to bicycle group.

Evered Holdings, which has sat on a roughly 20 per cent stake in TI for the past few months, still looks some distance from making a move. Evered shares were 4p lower at 192p. Share prices among industrial and building materials companies were weak. Norcros fell 7p to 192p after City comment on the recent figures, and English China Clays and Pilkington Brothers dipped ahead of their profits announcements, due today.

McCarthy & Stone, the sheltered housing specialist, dropped 20p to 240p as profit-takers moved in. This week the group reported a 40 per cent rise in profits for the year to August.

Life assurance companies shared in the market downturn, with dealers reporting sight of large lines of stock in Equity & Law, Legal & General, London & Manchester and Pearl Assurance. Share prices fell by several pence, with Pearl slipping 30p to 1258p, L & G down 15p at 734p and Equity & Law falling 10p to 243p.

There was some feeling that next week's two white papers, on pensions and investor protection, will reveal bad news for the life assurers, and that such worries added to the jittery tone of the sector. But leading analysts doubted if any significant changes might be made, although there may be some tightening up of the rules about disclosure of commissions on life policies.

Suggestions that the state earnings-related pension scheme (Serps) will not be scrapped but merely modified have also been made. Again, however, such news will not harm the assurance companies. Although observers in the City might have liked the state scheme dismantled completely, leaving assurers with the chance of new business, any modifications to Serps will still be in the companies' favour.

Frederick Cooper, the steel processor and engineer, took a heavy knock from its annual results. The share price dropped 10p to 21p as the company announced halved full year profits of £223,141. The dividend was also reduced, the annual payout worth 1.10p against 1.77p in 1983-84.

Bad profit news also hurt the shares of other companies across the lists. NSS Newsagents saw a 23 per cent decline in full year profits and the share price dropped 6p to 98p. British Building and Engineering Appliances slumped 20p to 130p following announcement of a 78 per cent drop in its pretax profits.

Profits at Tate & Lyle were in line with market expectations, but the share price was knocked, closing down 22p at 546p.

United Biscuits, however, stayed a firm market, despite some attempts in early trade yesterday to push the shares lower. The price is responding to suggestions that PepsiCo of the US has picked up a stake in UB and intends to step in with a full bid.

Another offer is needed, since the recent takeover bid from Imperial Group for UB looks like fading under the pressure of Hanson Trust's bid for Imperial. Yesterday the UB price edged 1p higher to 252p by the close.

Fading bid hopes clipped Aspinall Holdings, the casino company, 14p to 155p. Northambber, distributor of computer printers and peripherals, produced interim profits of £829,000 and is seeking elevation from the USM to full listing. Its shares were unchanged at 240p.

Berkeley Exploration fell 3p to 95p as Elf, the French group, sold its 16.2 per cent shareholding to Charterhouse Petroleum which now has 26.5 per cent.

Castle (GB), distributor of kitchen furniture and bathroom equipment, was suspended at 11p at the company's request.

Spencer Clark, the specizi steels group which is involved in takeover talks, improved 7p to 120p. Its figures are due today and there are hopes that it will also announce details of the bid.

Pearson had an eventful session closing 5p down at 423p. Ocean Trading and Transport fell 2p to 196p.

● Business on the traded options pitches stayed at a relatively high level, although somewhat subdued compared to recent record activity. Total contracts for the day numbered 15,869. The business was generally widely spread, with only a handful of options reaching volumes of 1,000 contracts or thereabouts. The Stock Exchannge index option saw 1,135 contracts traded, and Imperial notched up 1,061. Shell saw 1,031 and the dollar/sterling option 825 contracts. There were few significant price changes.

Watch shares of J. A. Devenish, the West Country Brewery. The Whitbread brewing group has 26 per cent of the capital and is said to be unhappy at the company's performance. Border Breweries (Wrexham), the last Whitbread "umbrella" company to show signs of struggling, was taken over by Marston, Thompson & Evershed with Whitbread's help. Could the same fate befall Devenish? Its shares were down 5p at 665p yesterday.

Mercury Securities fell 5p to 703p yesterday. The company denies that it is parting from one of its brokers, Hoare Govett. But there are suggestions that Mercury was deeply upset over Hoare's willingness to act for Mr Saul Steinberg when he built up his 10 per cent shareholding in the company.

TEMPUS

Granada switches over to a sharper image

Granada has always had the reputation of being more of an Albert Tatlock an Ena Sharples company than a J. R. Ewing and Alexis Carrington organization. Solid, traditional and maturing gracefully, rather than flashy, arrogant and wheeler-dealing.

However, as Granada has found with the challenge to *Coronation Street* from the upstarts in *East Enders*, reputation is not enough in itself to guarantee success.

The group is therefore in the process of livening up its own story in an effort to capture a greater share of the audience in the City.

The introduction of a new character in the shape of Derek Lewis as finance director, lured from the Imperial Group, set that process in motionn and it continued yesterday when Granada held its first-ever meeting for City analysts.

On display was a rather mundane set of preliminary figures, with pretax profits at £64.4 million, up from £53.8 million. There was little in the results themselves to send the rokers rushing to buy the shares but, as with all good soap operas, it is the next episode which is the most important.

Granada has realigned its operations into four clearly defined divisions which will form the foundations for the group's growth. It has to be said that none of those divisions looks particularly inspiring on the surface, but this is to ignore the company's ability to squeeze increased profits out of declining businesses.

The largest division is the television rental business. The big increase in profits from the British operations is mainly the result of leaving the acquisition of Rediffusion in for a full-year for the first time. Although the customer base will continue to dwindle, Granada has still to feel the benefit of the integration, which could be worth up to £15 million this year.

The prospect for growth beyond this might appear limited, but the switch into retailing could still offer exciting growth prospects.

The television contracting business had a dull year, largely reflecting the countrywide decline in advertising revenue. The increases reported in that revenue in October and November are not a reliable guide to the future, and Granada remains a hostage to the industry's fortunes.

On programme sales, the company is still short of a blockbuster to take over where *Brideshead Revisited* and *Jewel in the Crown* left off.

It is the leisure division which perhaps offers the biggest opportunity for growth. Bingo halls will benefit from the introduction of the big prize national game next year and can still increase profits and cash flow from declining clientele. Motorway service are also doing well.

The business services division is still a disappointment. Much will depend on how Granada chooses to spend its strong cash flow. The structure and attitude of the group appears right for expansion. Without the insurance businesses, which lost £5.5 million in the year, Granada now has a sound base. The shares, down 2p yesterday at 218p should be firmly held.

James Neill/ Spear & Jackson

Shareholders in Spear & Jackson International have to decide whether to accept James Neill Holdings offer by the weekend. The betting is still two-way, but yesterday the odds on Neill winning shortened.

The argument has recently centred on the merits of Spear & Jackson's proposed acquisition of the garden tools business of Falcon Industries.

Last year the business made profits of only £650,000 before interest, management and other charges. But Mr Leonard Grosbard, the managing director of Spear & Jackson, says it could do much better when integrated with Spear's existing garden tools operation. He has identified annual savings of £840,000.

In addition a price increase of, say, 5 per cent across the board may be possible, taking the total contribution of the new business to £2.3 million before acquisition costs. On this basis the purchase looks very attractive against a cost of £5.2 million.

The problem with this argument is that the savings could take time to flow through, and a price increase could result in market share being lost to rival garden tool companies like Wilkinson Sword and Dobson Park.

James Neill's chief executive, Mr Peter Bullock, says the proposed purchase from Falcon is nothing more than an eleventh hour attempt to divert attention from the merits of his company's offer. He says the Falcon business is worth no more than £4 million.

The market seemed to side with Neill yesterday. Spear & Jackson shares slipped 5p to 247p, 3p below the cash offer and 14p below the value of the share offer, with Neill up 2p to 157p.

Tate & Lyle

Sucralose is the name investors could soon be hearing more often. It is Tate & Lyle's artificial sweetener, which is being tested in America and developed to compete against the current market leaders, including aspartame.

If it passes the safety requirements it could be a winner for Tate, in time. Meanwhile, it is costing money.

Sucralose is the joker in Tate's pack of fairly dull businesses. Yesterday's results demonstrated the extent of Tate's problems. The figures were unimpressive, once the accounting gloss was removed.

Reported profits were £76.7 million before tax; they would have been only £72 million but for a switch from year-end to average exchange rates. On a like-for-like basis the increase was £11.3 million, of which more than half came from recent acquisitions, with the rest reflecting movements in average exchange rates.

Mr Neil Shaw, the chairman-elect, says worldwide conditions are swinging away from beet to cane producers. But this looks like a long-term prospect at best.

However, the core businesses are producing enough cash to fund Tate's acquisition programme. So far the main purchase has been Donlee Manufacturing Industries, a plastic injection moulding company, but this is owned through a 50.4 per cent subsidiary, so only that proportion of the benefits flow to the bottom line.

This year acquisition will again be important. Their contribution should result in better earnings for the first time in four years. That prospect is already reflected in an earnings multiple of 9 with the shares at 546p, down 22p

Texaco to seek new trial over damages

Houston (Reuter) – The Texaco oil company is to seek a new trial after a judge upheld a $10.53 billion (£7.46 billion) damages award, which Texaco says could mean bankruptcy.

Interest of $624.7 million added to the award brings the total Texaco has been ordered to pay in damages to Pennzoil to $11.12 billion.

The state district judge, Mr Solomon Casseb, on Tuesday upheld a jury's decision against Texaco for luring Getty Oil away from an agreed merger with Pennzoil last year.

A jury decided last month that, in acquiring Getty Oil last year, Texaco induced Getty and its principal stockholders to breach a binding agreement

Texaco claimed Getty's pact with Pennzoil was never signed, but was based on an agreement announced in a news release.

The Texaco president, Mr Alfred DeCrane, who two weeks ago said the company might consider bankruptcy proceedings, said yesterday that a new trial "will show that everything Texaco did was quite appropriate."

Pennzoil's president, Mr Hugh Liedtke, said that it would not be unusual for the two companies to start talking – presumably about a settlement – prior to any appeal.

Lawyers for Texaco said the company would file a motion for a new trial within 30 days. Judge Casseb then will have 30 days in which to grant or deny the motion. If the motion is denied Texaco can appeal to the next higher court, the state civil court of appeals.

Judge Casseb ordered Pennzoil not to attempt to collect the award without court approval, and ordered Texaco not to dispose of any assets and to keep intact properties formerly owned by Getty while the case is under his jurisdiction.

Getty's attraction for the two rivals was its 1 billion barrels of oil reserves which Texaco and Pennzoil had considered would be cheaper to buy than drill for.

Before the judge ruled, Texaco's lawyers said the signing and filing of the judgement against it would put the company into a position where it would have to seek protection from creditors

Equal terms urged for gas and electricity

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

The electricity industry has no objections to increased competition from a privatized gas industry provided that the two industries are allowed to operate on the same terms.

The Electricity Council, in evidence submitted to the House of Commons Energy Select Committee yesterday, said that its sole concern was that it was not put at an unfair advantage when gas moved into the private sector.

The council said that it "does not object to benefits from improvements in efficiency by British Gas's successor company or any other public gas supplier being passed to the consumer."

The council's sole concern was that the electricity supply industry should not be put at an unfair competitive advantage.

The council has told the committee that the two industries should be allowed to buy their source fuel on the same free market basis, and that they should follow the same rules in setting tariffs and the same regulations on standing charges and connection fees and conditions.

In addition, the electricity industry has said that if the gas showrooms were allowed to sell non-gas appliances then its showrooms should also be allowed to widen their range of goods and services.

The council says: "In making an energy choice a customer has to invest in equipment which may have a life of 10 years or more, and hence the effect of even a short-term favouring of the gas position would have consequences well into the future."

Record profits for Associated Paper

Associated Paper Industries, the papermaking to air conditioning group, yesterady announced record pretax profits for the year ended September 28. They were up 18.1 per cent to £4.6 million (£3.9 million).

Turnover was £54.2 million, up 15 per cent.

Earnings per share increased by almost 17 per cent to 20.1p. The company is recommending a final dividend of 4p an ordinary share, making a total for the year of 6p (5p).

Mr Charles Rawlinson, the chairman, said yesterady that the acquisition of the New Jersey-based Dri-Print Foils last month would more than double the group's total sales of stamping foils and related products, making it probably the world's second biggest producer of stamping foils.

In brief

● **H. P. BULMER HOLDINGS:** For the half-year to October 25, with figures in £000, turnover was 84,480 (75,322), while the pretax profit was 6,972 (7,172). Earnings per share were 6.50p (10.87p). An interim dividend of 2.24p (2.24p) is being paid on March 3.

● **BRAITHWAITE GROUP:** For the half-year to September 30 turnover was £5,402,221 (£3,931,429), while the pretax loss was £155,515 (£217,976). Losses per share were 5.6p (7.9p). No interim dividend is being paid.

● **HAVELOCK EUROPA:** For the half-year to October 18, with figures in £000, turnover was 5,509 (4,173), while pretax profit was 422 (291). Earnings per share were 4.12p (2.63p). An interim dividend of 1.12p (0.7p) is being paid.

● **YELLOWHAMMER:** For the half-year to September 30, with figures in £000, turnover was 12,461 (9,403), while the pretax profit was 620 (332). Earnings per share were 3.3p (1.6p). An interim dividend of 0.6p is being paid on January 9.

● **NORTHAMBER:** For the half-year to October 31, with figures in £000, turnover was 9,244 (6,621), while the pretax profit was 829 (454). Earnings per share were 6.8p (3.4p).

● **BRITISH BUILDING AND ENGINEERING APPLIANCES:** For the half-year to September 30, with figures in £000, turnover was 1,776 (1,762), while the pretax profit was 32 (144). Earnings per share were 1.8p (6.5p). An interim dividend of 0.33p (1.35p) is being paid.

● **STAKIS:** For the year to September 29 with figures in £000, turnover was 143,021. (133,138), while the pretax profit was 13,279 (10,161). Earnings per share were 4.38p (3.72p). A final dividend of 0.8p making 1.2p (1p) is being paid on April 9.

● **WAGON INDUSTRIAL HOLDINGS:** For the half-year to September 30 with figures in £000, turnover was 39,354 (34,036), while the pretax profit was 2,358 (2,460). Earnings per share were 7.04p (5.83p). An interim dividend of 3.5p (3p) is being paid.

● **CHESHIRE WHOLE FOODS:** For the half-year to September 30, with figures in £000, turnover was 3,195 (2,133), while the pretax profit was 280 (61). Earnings per share were 3.79p (3.14p).

● **MARLING INDUSTRIES:** For the half-year to September 30, with figures in £000, Troup sales were 18,753 (12,387), while the pretax profit was 1,014 (863). Earnings per share fully diluted) were 3.99p (3.141p). An interim dividend of 0.7p (0.6p) is being paid on January 21.

● **ALBION:** For the year to September 30, turnover was £6,148,110 (£6,123,955), while the pretax profit was £281,921 (£413,023). Earnings per share were 7.0p (9p) is being paid on March 12 making a total of 1.3p (nil).

● **PREMIER CONSOLIDATED OILFIELDS:** The company has received approval from the Aliens Licencing Committee to transfer its assets in Trinidad to a locally incorporated company, Premier Oilfields of Trinidad, which will soon apply to the Stock Exchange for permission to issue 4 million shares to the public.

● **METRAMAR MINERALS:** The company has sold off its oil and gas interests to Western Resources, ending up with a 50 per cent stake in the associate company.

● **BENLOX HOLDINGS:** The directors of Benlox Joshua Bigwood & Son have requested their bankers to appoint receivers to Bigwood which is engaged in heavy engineering in the Midlands. The directors have decided to take this action because of the trading losses and continuing lack of orders which would have enabled Bigwood to trade profitably.

● **PLAXTONS (GB):** For the year to September 29, with figures in £000, turnover was 32,315 (31, 913), while the pretax profit was 1,310 (1,980). Earnings per share were 6.1p (10p). A final dividend of 3p making a total of 4.5p (same) is being made.

● **CHAPMAN INDUSTRIES:** For the half-year to September 29, with figures in £000, turnover was 13,589 (8,688), while the pretax profit was 61 (279). Earnings per share were 0.8p (8p). An interim dividend of 2.3p (same) is being paid on January 24.

● **TUNSTALL TELECOM GROUP:** For the year to September 30, with figures in £000, turnover was 21,064 (16,325), while the pretax profit was 4,069 (2,526). Earnings per share were 14.4p (9.8p). A final dividend of 0.95p is being paid making a total of 1.65p (1.40p).

● **MOORGATE INVESTMENT TRUST:** Results for the six months to November 30. With figures in £000, Revenue was: franked 390 (312) unfranked 35 (36) and interest received 64 (41). Revenue before tax 446 (352). Earnings per share were 5.8p (5.1p). An interim dividend of 4.5p (4p) is being paid and the directors expect to be able to recommend a final dividend of at least 8.5p making 13p (11.5p).

● **PARK HALL LEISURE:** The directors say that talks are taking place which may lead to an offer being made for the whole of share capital. They have therefore requested Havard Securities to suspend dealings in their shares.

● **DERITEND STAMPING:** For the half-year to August 31, with figures in £000, turnover was 19,966 (17,678), while the pretax profit was 704 (427). Earnings per share were 8.42p (5.63p). An interim dividend of 2.4p (2.2p) is being paid on February 19.

RECENT ISSUES

	Closing Price
A M S Industries 5p Ord (95)	107–1
Colorgen Com Stk $0.01 (90a)	108
Cost Assets Trs 75p Ord Pfy Pd	54
C P M 5p Ord (125a)	130–1
Cowells 25p Ord (88a)	90–2
Davidson Pearce 10p Ord (160)	170+4
Eating Electro-optics 5p Ord (95a)	104–2
Electronic Data Proc. 5p Ord (75a)	73
Fairbriar 10p Ord (120)	104
Gibbon Lyons 10p Ord (72a)	68
Hampden Homecare 10p Ord (57a)	63–2
InfraRed $0.10 Com Stk (94a)	86
Jun Rubber 10p Ord (62a)	55–1
Martin (Ronald) 10p Ord (90a)	96
Metsec 10p Ord (67a)	69
Questel 10p Ord (780a)	160
Radius 5p Ord (95a)	95+2
St Ives Group 10p Ord (330*)	465
Shandwick 2p Ord (175)	176–2
Underwoods 10p Ord (180*)	201–7
Rights issues	
Com Bank Wales (25) Nil Pd	14 prem
Fisher (Albert) (106) Nil Paid	20 prem–1
Garfunkels Rest (100) Fully Pd	132

Issue price in parentheses, a Unlisted Securities. *by tender.

Price warning for NCB

The National Coal Board's biggest customer yesterday gave a warning that it would turn to imported coal if the board did not reduce its prices to world market levels.

The Central Electricity Generating Board, which takes more than 80 per cent of the NCB annual production and provides more than 70 per cent of its income, said that, if coal prices were to rise, it would have to import more to keep electricity prices to the consumer down.

Lord Marshall, chairman of the CEGB told a coal industry conference in London: "We have had problems with supply. Indeed there have been three national strikes in the last 13 years. We are also concerned at the higher price of NCB coal compared to world coal prices.

"This amounts to a big subsidy paid by electricity consumers to the coal industry on top of the direct subsidy paid by the Government.

"We cannot persist with that situation. The NCB must get its prices right."

However, Lord Marshall said that recent developments in the coal industry had persuaded the CEGB to stick to its "mainly coal, mainly NCB," policy as an encouragement to the growing realism of the miners and the NCB management.

APPOINTMENTS

Allied Irish Banks: Mr Jeremiah J. McAuliffe has become assistant chief executive responsible for the retail banking group.

Mr Diarmuid Moore is to be director, group strategic development. Mr Dermot Egan, director, group marketing and human resources. Mr John F. Keogh becomes group financial director and Mr Neil Dean, group controller.

The Association of Investment Trust Companies: Mr Tim Abell has been elected chairman. Mr Peter Gray and Mr Colin Black become deputy chairman.

Gallaher: Mr P. J. van Zuydam and Mr P. M. Wilson join the board on January 1.

Macfarlanes: Mr Anthony Thompson will be joining the partnership on January 1.

LEP International: The following are now on the board: Mr Peter Kirkby, Mr Keith Studer, Mr Keith Dear, Mr Ken Barnes, Mr Geoff Lockwood, Mr Charlie Ramsay, Mr Derek Vickers, Mr Jack Wasp, Mr Tom White and Mr Alan Wyatt.

Longton Industrial Holdings: Mr George Metcalfe has been named managing director of the transport, storage and distribution division.

Sentinel Insurance: Mr Ian Waddell and Mr Michael Reid are now executive directors.

Five Oaks Investments: Mr David Wickins and Mr Hugh Holloand have been appointed non-executive directors. Mr Wickins also becomes non-executive chairman.

Tiphook plc

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Strong Growth Continues

As Chairman, Mr. Robert Montague says in his half-time report to shareholders "In the period since the flotation the Company's strong growth has continued. All sections are performing well. And Tiphook is on target for another successful year". He emphasises "There is much further potential to exploit".

The directors announce the unaudited consolidated results for the half year to 31st October, 1985.

	Half Year to 31st October 1985	Half Year to 31st October 1984	Year to 30th April 1985
	£,000 16,098	£'000 5,354	£'000 14,307
Turnover	1,022	667	1,654
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	(153)	(78)	(169)
Taxation (advance corporation tax written off)	869	589	1,485
Profit after taxation attributable to shareholders	(175)	(165)	(336)
Dividends – Preference	(182)	(17)	(58)
– Ordinary (Note 2)	512	407	1,091
Retained profit	1.25p	(Note 2)	(Note 2)
Dividends per ordinary share (Note 2)	6.0p	4.5p	12.2p
Earnings per ordinary share (Note 3)	£48.1 million	£29.6 million	£41.5 million
Net Book Value of Earning Assets			

Notes:

1. The results for the year ended 30th April, 1985, which incorporate adjustments included in the prospectus for the flotation of the Company in July 1985, are abridged from the company's full accounts which have been filed with the Registrar of Companies and which received an unqualified auditor's opinion. The comparative unaudited figures for the half year to 31st October, 1984 do not take into account the results of Adamson Containers Limited which was acquired from the receivers of the company formerly operating that business in November 1984.
2. The interim ordinary dividend will be paid on 31st January, 1986 to ordinary shareholders registered at the close of business on 9th January, 1986. No dividends were paid on ordinary shares in the previous year. The deduction for ordinary dividends, includes, the Interim ordinary dividend of £175,000 and Preferred ordinary dividends of £7,000 (year ending 30th April, 1985: £38,000). The preferred ordinary shares were converted into ordinary shares at flotation.
3. The calculation of the earnings per ordinary share is based upon the weighted average number of shares in issue during the period which includes the new shares issued up at flotation and assumes that the capital re-organisation which took place immediately prior to the flotation had been in place throughout the year to 30th April, 1985 and in the period up to 30th July, 1985.

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Continental Trust	11½%
Co-operative Bank	11½%
C. Hoare & Co	11½%
Lloyds Bank	11½%
Nat Westminster	11½%
Royal Bank Scotland	11½%
TSB	11½%
Citibank NA	11½%

† Mortgage Base Rate.

Preliminary announcement of results for the period ended 28th September 1985.

Record profits and further expansion

THE CHAIRMAN, SIR ROBERT HASLAM, REPORTS

■ Continuing unbroken seven year upward trend, Group profits before tax were £76.7m compared with £65.4m in 1984.

■ Maintained growth allows Board to recommend final dividend of 14.5p per share, to make total for year of 22.0p, 16% higher than last year.

■ Return on capital now over 21%.

■ An exciting year for growth. £92m spent on acquisitions to strengthen position in overseas sugar markets and diversification into new markets related to existing skills.

■ Transfer of control of Belize Sugar Industries completed, at extra-ordinary loss of £11.6m.

■ Business is operating from solid financial base and has every opportunity to achieve further profit growth.

THE YEAR IN BRIEF

	1985	1984
Turnover	£1,627m	£1,676m
Profit before tax	£76.7m	£65.4m
Profit after tax attributable to shareholders*	£38.1m	£35.9m
Earnings per share	55.3p	52.4p
Dividends per share	22.0p	19.0p
Dividend cover	2.5 times	2.8 times

*Before extraordinary loss.

Figures for 1984 have been restated to reflect the use of average exchange rates.

Copies of the Annual Report for the period ended 28th September 1985 will be mailed to shareholders shortly and will be available from:
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COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

Revolution needed in development funding

By Judith Huntley

The only fact about which the property industry agrees on the controversial subject of creating investment vehicles in single buildings is that there is a need to improve liquidity in the market.

After that a variety of methods for creating such a market are being explored. But pressure is building up for a big bang in the property world, along the lines of that now being seen in the financial markets. And time is running out for a solution to be found. The Financial Services Bill should be in operation by October.

The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors is trying to present a unified view on the problem of selling investments in schemes worth over £15 million, the RICS's magic figure at which the number of players in the present market shrinks dramatically.

But the institution's final report on the subject of unitiz ing real property is published this week, begs more questions than it answers, even accepting its basic premise that the wider ownership of commercial property is "a good thing".

The RICS has opted for an authorized unit trust as its preferred vehicle for allowing investment in single properties. It is lobbying hard for the necessary changes in tax and other laws for such a vehicle, throwing in the carrot that the increased funds the trust will generate might find their way into the hard-pressed inner cities. A tempting political idea but not necessarily one which will appeal to the investors.

The RICS plays down the problems of getting the law changed, a notoriously difficult and long drawn our process. But Mr Colin Vaughan, the RICS chairman of the working party on unitization, admits that time is pressing and that the Financial Services Bill, due to go the Parliament within the next few days, could shut the door on *single property trusts.*

He is well aware that the institution will have to convince the Department of Trade and Industry that the managers of single property trusts will be in a position to redeem units if there are difficulties in selling on the market.

The role of the manager and his appointment therefore, is crucial, but the institution does little to expand on this.

There are more fundamental criticisms of the RICS report, however. It presents no real evidence of the type or strength of the secondary market which will have to be created before single property trusts come into being. The working party is addressing itself to this crucial problem, but admits it has no idea exactly how much money would be involved in establishing it.

Mr Christopher Jonas, a partner in Drivers Jonas, has put forward ambitious ideas about the nature of such a secondary market, but he is not a member of the working party.

Mr Jonas would like to see a computer-based market, replicating the floor of the Stock Exchange where separate marker makers and agents would negotiate price.

The huge sums needed to set that up could not be provided by the chartered surveyors at present. The merchant banks and financial conglomerates would be the only organizations with enough money to finance such a system, which could leave the surveyors out in the cold.

In addition, there is the question of whether units in single properties would trade at a discount as do the shares of quoted property companies. If they do, this could prove a deterrent to secondary market makers.

Once a market is established the price will be determined by trading but initially some level will have to be set. And there will have to be safeguards to prevent some of the bigger institutions shedding their poorer secondary properties to the market while retaining the prime investments.

Both questions are being explored by Richard Ellis, among others, in an attempt to bring a new investment vehicle to the market in the near future.

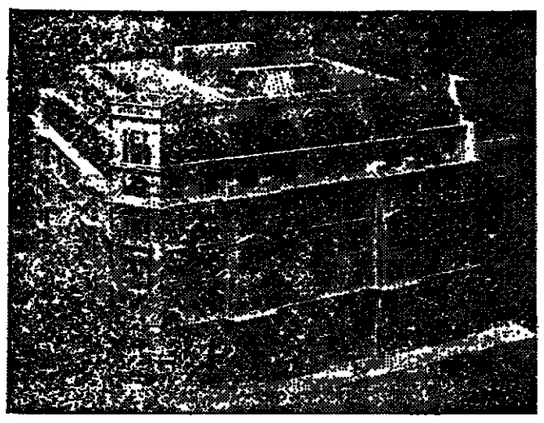
It is primarily the small institutions which would benefit from the creation of investment vehicles in single properties.

Property units trusts have hardly been spectacular performers and that may deter individual investors from buying single property trusts even if that are allowed.

One thing is certain. There will be intense competition from the merchant banks and financial conglomerates to create a viable investment vehicle which could tap a big market. The chartered surveyors are hoping to play a key role in this but, while they have expertise in the property field, they do not have experience in market making.

The possibility of the surveyors becoming limited liability companies in the near future could encourage closer links between them and the bankers in the wake of dramatic changes in the property investment market.

Royal home for solicitors



Royal Life has begun work on its £27 million office scheme in Chancery Lane, London. The entire 60,000 sq ft development has been pre-let to Denton Hall and Burgin, the solicitors.

The scheme is Royal Life's largest direct development. St Quintin advised the fund. The project involves building new offices behind the 1911 facade. The building was originally the headquarters for an insurance company which subsequently became part of the Royal Insurance Group which has owned it since 1963.

Call for more warehouse sheds

● The "Use Classes Order" covering a wide variety of industrial developments should be reviewed to increase the supply of standard industrial warehouse units. So say L. S. Vail & Son and Pearson Williams, the estate agent operating in the south. Ironically, its call to draw a dividing line between "sheds" and high-technology space comes when the Property Advisory Group is asking the Government to consider amending the Use Classes Order to allow for more flexible development especially for more hybrid office and production space.

Vail and Pearson Williams argues that the higher rent obtained for hybrid space, somewhere between office and industrial rents, has sent land prices soaring. The result is that it is not economic to develop traditional sheds in parts of the favoured south and east. There is now a shortage of such space which is of good quality and well located.

The estate agent says that the situation needs urgent attention. Local authorities should allocate land specifically for industrial/warehouse development and other land for high technology and office campus use.

● Edward Erdman is asking £42 a sq ft for an office suite in Bayerische Vereinsbank's No 1 Royal Exchange Buildings in the heart of the City. The bank bought the freehold of the 13,000 sq ft building and is sub-letting between 2,000 sq ft and 4,000 sq ft.

● Dimsdale Developments' Brentford Riverside scheme in west London has attracted a record local office rent of £15 a sq ft. AST Research Inc, a US computer company, has taken the 17,700 sq ft in phase 3 of the development on a 25-year lease with five-year reviews.

Brentford Riverside is a £20 million project developed by Dimsdale and Crowvale Properties, the wholly-owned subsidiary of Associated Newspapers. The letting agents were Garrett, White & Poland, Dunphys Commercial and Richard Ellis. Drivers Jonas acted for AST.

● Shop rents will continue to outpace inflation at least until 1987, according to Hillier Parker's latest prediction. The estate agent expects shop rents to grow by 4.2 per cent, inflation adjusted, to May 1987, a slower rate of growth than in 1984 and 1985.

Hillier Parker says that although the increase is fairly modest, it is proving to be longer-lived than the two rises seen in 1972-73 of continuous rental growth ahead of inflation, Hillier Parker forecasts.

At current prices shop rents should rise by 10 per cent a year over the next 18 months. The index for May 1987 is expected to be 296, indicating a near trebling of rents since the base year of 1977.

● The consortium developing the Minories site in the City has obtained detailed planning consent for its £60 million scheme. Guinness Peat Properties, Berisford Property Developments and Sir Robert McAlpine & Sons are developing the site, formerly owned by the City Corporation, at the terminus of the new Docklands Light Railway.

The 160,000 sq ft of office development is being funded by PosTel Investment Management at a yield thought to be around 6.75 per cent. Asking rents will be about £25 a sq ft. Letting agents are Knight Frank & Rutley, Healey & Baker and Jones Lang Wootton.

● Rosehaugh Associated Ports Developments, the joint company between Shearwater Property Holdings, a Rosehaugh subsidiary, and Associated British Ports, has been given consent for the first *phase of its £75 million* redevelopment of Southampton Docks.

The joint developers plan to create a speciality retail centre in the first phase of the scheme in the Princess Alexandra Dock costing around £6 million. It will be funded from the joint company's own resources. There will be a retail mall and food court of 65,000 sq ft for local and regional traders.

Shearwater is aiming to create the kind of American-style speciality food (and later fashion) centre like the House Corporation's development of Boston Harbourside. Mr Ian Pearce, the managing director of Shearwater, was formerly at Arrowcroft and his experience there in developing Liverpool's Albert Dock is proving very useful in the Southampton venture.

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Verdict awaited on town hall

Speyhawk Land and Estates is giving Merton council two options on the redevelopment of the town centre of Wimbledon, south west London, in a 350,000-sq ft retail scheme.

Speyhawk has presented the council with one option which retains the old town hall, beloved by local conservationists, and another which demolishes it. The planning committee meets tomorrow

If the town hall is retained it will become a speciality shopping centre with a food court linked to the main shopping centre, described by the developer as a galleria.

Speyhawk's plans involve a 120,000-sq ft department store, a 40,000-sq ft supermarket, 150,000-sq ft of shopping and 35,000-sq ft of seven-day-a-week leisure activities. The letting agents, Strutt & Parker and Healey & Baker, believe *that 75 per cent of the scheme* will be pre-let.

TENNIS

Signs which suggest Britain may stretch US

By Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent

Britain play the United States in the annual Maureen Connolly Trophy competition, for women aged 21 or less, at Queen's Club, West Kensington, from today until Saturday. Five representatives of each nation play a total of nine singles and two doubles in an event which is a younger version of the Wightman Cup contest.

The series was inaugurated in 1973 and contests have since been extended from six matches to 11. The US leads 11-1 and have won 91 matches compared with Britain's 30. There have been only three close contests and the US tend to assemble the equivalent of what might be known in Britain as a combined universities team. On this occasion, even Britain will not be at full strength. Annabel Croft is playing in Tokyo.

Britain's leading player will be Sara Gomer, who reached the last eight of a tournament in Brisbane last month. This encouraging performance was followed by the possibly responsive news that Terry Phelps, who ranks 28th in the world, would lead the Americans at Queen's Club. Miss Phelps reached the last eight of the French championship and the third round of the US championship, her victims including Carling Bassett

Ann Jones, the former Wimbledon and French champion, will be Britain's captain. The team consists of Miss Gomer, Amanda Brown, Sally Reeves, Joanne Louis and Jane Wood (at 17, the youngest player in either team). The US will be represented by Miss Phelps, Jane Holdren, Ann Hulbert, Ronni Reis and Wendy Wood. Comparative rankings suggest that the contest should be closer than usual and may not be decided until Saturday's three concluding matches.

Miss Reeves will be top seed in the Britain's Women's Tennis Association tournament, sponsored by Abbey Life, to be played at Queen's Club from Monday to Thursday next week.



Gomer: leading the challenge against the Americans

Divided empire calling out for an umpire to give it a united voice

Our Tennis Correspondent, in the second of two articles, puts the case for an independent leader who would excercise ultimate authority over the game's conflicting factions.

Professional tennis has plenty of cooks but no chef. There are five organizations governing this or that area of the game: plus a sixth force, the management agencies, who have influence in all areas and power in most. All six groups protect their special interests so jealously that they have no liking for the idea of an independent, neutral authority, an ultimate arbitrating body. But that is what the game needs.

Since the introduction of open competition in 1968 tennis has become big business and has been beset by administrative bickering and sporadic lawsuits that divert into lawyers' pockets a huge proportion of the wealth pouring into the game. We have also seen the emergence of two circuits of tournaments, one for men and one for women, that exercise an unhealthy dominance over the fixture list. Such dominance encourages the unfortunate side-effects prevalent in any monopoly: an excess of bureaucracy and imposed "taxes", a drab uniformity and a stifling of initiative. Moreover, tennis is a major international sport without a genuine world championship series.

There will be no end to the nonsense until all those who like to think they are in charge agree to put somebody in charge. None of the six factions wants that because all would have to concede a small piece of the action. But how much damaging chaos can the game tolerate before appointing a leader? Such a leader could be someone like Pierre Darmon or Tony Trabert – of these two, preferably Darmon, because the game's expanding bureaucracy is already too heavily weighted in favour of the United States. One thinks in terms of men because it is in men's tennis that the problems are most persistent and worrying. The women are better organized.

Assuming the game had an independent boss with a competent staff, there are at least seven jobs they could do:

1: Run a fixture bureau, allocating dates on the basis of established tradition and success, value to the game, the avoidance of monopolies and a reduction of the players' travelling – by linking successive tournaments played on the same continent on the same surface. Never mind who runs this or that tournament. It could be Ronald Reagan, "Buzzer" Hadingham, Jack Kramer, Philippe Chatrier, Donald Dell, Mark McCormack, Ilie Nastase or the Pope. What matters *is the job the tournament does.*

2: Stimulate public and players with more variety by laying down wider, more flexible tournament regulations than those now in force for the grand prix circuit. Allow more scope for regional preferences in terms of format and the prize-money break down and, perhaps, even entry conditions. Set maximum fees payable to organizations playing legitimate roles in tournament organization (at present, some such fees are unjustified and others excessive). Demand the right to examine any tournament's accounts. Make such criteria a mandatory qualification for official status and ranking purposes.

3: Serve as the ultimate authority on the nuts and bolts of world rankings, respecting the wishes of the players' unions without being governed by them. Use those rankings to decide who gains direct entry to official tournaments, as is the case now, but keep separate ranking lists for the main surfaces to decide seedings.

4: Run an official, points-linked world championship series for five titles: two singles and three doubles. Incorporate the four grand slam championships, the Lipton international players' championships and one indoor event selected by each of the players' associations. Withdraw all these events from the grand prix and the Virginia Slims women's series.

5: Unless the International Tennis Federation agree to do so (which would be a logical extension of the ITF world team championships for men and women), organize a mixed world team championship, every tie to consist of five matches: men's and women's singles and men's, women's and mixed doubles.

6: Adjudicate between the sometimes conflicting interests of the game's six power bases: the ITF, the two player's associations, the two councils running the main circuits and the management agencies – who bring money into the game as well as taking money out of it.

7: Assume responsibility for *discipline by laying down a code of* conduct for players and tournaments. The present code for players is too peraickety. One of my most distastful memories from 1985 concerns a player renowned for his integrity and exemplary conduct who had harmlessly tossed a racket and, consequently, had to write a letter of apology to some bureaucrat in New York who had less than half his experience of professional tennis.

Granted an independent governing body with these or similar powers, the ITF could get on with the job of promoting tennis worldwide, the players; associations could concentrate of their prime task as "labour unions", the two councils could run their circuits without being tempted into empire-building and the management agencies would have more clearly defined roles in "official" tournaments.

Most of the leadingg administrators will admit, privately, that some such scheme makes sense. Publicly, they will not envisage organizations presently hold. In short, the way ahead is obvious – but is blocked by jealousy, vanity and pettiness. As long as that dilemma *endures lawyers and businessmen* will be the chief beneficiaries.

Rex Bellamy

RUGBY UNION

New WRU penalties for violent play

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

The Welsh Rugby Union have followed up their declaration last month on tougher measures against violent play with a wholesale review of the sanctions to be taken against individuals ordered from the field and clubs with poor disciplinary records.

The concern the WRU feel about the declining image of the game inside and outside their country is obvious. All member-clubs have been circulated with details of the new sanctions, announced yesterday by David Johnson, chairman of their disciplinary committee. He is determined that players sent off four times during their playing careers will be suspended *sine die,* while clubs who have five players sent off in a season face suspension of their playing activities. There are also increased periods of suspension for other offences. Players sent off for fighting or punching will be banned for eight weeks after the second offence and for 16 weeks after a third offence; players sent off for kicking and trampling will be banned for 12 weeks after the second offence and for 24 weeks after a third offence.

If a club have three players dismissed during a season they will receive a severe letter of warning from the WRU. If they have four players sent off they will be fined £50. Thereafter the order of suspension comes into effect.

It is a symptom of the times in which we live that such a severe package of sanctions is necessary. Yet there can be no doubt that players need to be made aware of self-discipline. If they do not learn the havit at school or at home when they are young, they must realize the penalties which will be inflicted on them when they are older: rugby without restraints on the potential for violence is no game at all.

Cambridge captain is omitted

By David Hands

Gavin Hastings, the losing captain in the University match at Twickenham on Tuesday, has been omitted from the Anglo-Scottish side who play their first district championship match of the season at St Andrews on Saturday against North and Midlands.

Hastings, in his final year at Cambridge, has been limited in the time he has been able to bring to Anglo-Scots training and the selectors also feared some measure of reaction after the game against Oxford. He is, however, in the party travelling North and seems likely to play against Glasgow on Monday.

It is important for the 23-year-old Hastings to perform well in the championship if he is to press his claims for a full cap. He toured with Scotland to Canada last May and is obviously a threat to Dodds, the present incumbent – as is his brother Scott, who played full-back in Scotland's B international last Saturday. The full-back position against North and Midlands, the weakest of the Scottish district sides, who have already lost two games, goes to Irvine (London Scottish).

Also absent from Saturday's side is Milne, the Harlequins tighthead prop, who still has a groin strain. He, too, is with the party and may play in Monday's game which, though scheduled as an evening kick-off at Hughenden, will be switched to Murrayfield at 2.0 if the weather deteriorates.

The Anglo-Scots await a fitness test today on Cuthbertson, their nominated captain. The Harlequins lock has a damaged arm, hence the inclusion of three locks in the team, the others being Gray (Nottingham) and Campbell-Lamerton, one of six London Scots in the side.

North and Midlands include Leslie, the former Scottish captain at flank forward, now that he has returned from Gala to his old club, Dundee High School FP. They have picked the same team as that beaten 29-0 by South of Scotland last weekend.

ANGLO-SCOTS (v North and Midlands): S Irvine (London Scottish), J Pollock (Gosforth), L Renwick (Sale), G Gordon (London Scottish), T Paterson-Brown (London Scottish), D Sole (Bath), T Steenson (Headingley), D Belcher (Sale), I McGe (Sale), Ivins from W Cuthbertson Harlequins), C Gray (Nottingham) J Campbell-Lamerton, (London Scottish), I Morrison (London Scottish), J Macklin (London Scottish). Replacements: G Hastings (Cambridge University), G Irvine (Harrowgate), S Walker (London Scottish), D Davidson (Gosforth).



Hastings: reaction fear

MacNeill is still in favour

By George Ace

Hugo MacNeill may not at the moment be the darling of the Leinster selectors but he is still No 1 in the eyes of those who matter, the Ireland panel.

Dropped for the game against Munster two weeks ago, he was on the bench for last Saturday's Leinster-Ulster match but only because Murphy was injured and he was required as cover for Hopkins. But MacNeill is full back in the Ireland team – and rightly so – to meet Combined Province at Landsowne Road on January 4 – an Irish trail under a different name.

The only changes in the Ireland team from last season are Haydock on the left wing and Kearney at wing

The choice of Kearney is particularly interesting. He toured South Africa with Ireland in 1981 but did not make the international side and won the first of his two caps against France in 1982, when Duggan was a late withdrawal.

Kearney is, like Matthews, a blind-side wing forward. This suggests Ireland will have to change their tack somewhat and play left and right as opposed to the open and blind format of last season, which made a major contribution to the success of the side.

It is a situation forced on the selectors. There is not a genuine openside wing forward of international class in Irish rugby, with the exception of Carr, who has not played at club level since his return from the summer tour of Japan, after which he underwent surgery for a third time on a knee.

Carr is optimistic he will be back in the firing line in the new year. For the sake of Irish rugby one must hope that optimism is not misplaced.

IRELAND: H P McNeill (London Irish); T St Ringland (Ballymena), B J Mullin (Dublin University), M J Kiernan (Dolphin), P Haycock (Temure College); P M Dean (St Mary's College), M T Bradley (Cork Constitution), P A Orr (Old Wesley), C F Fitzgerald (St Mary's College, captain), J J McCoy (Bangor), P Matthews (Ards), D G Lenihan (Cork Constitution), W Anderson (Dungannon), R K Kearney (Wanderers), B Spillane (Bohemians).

COMBINED PROVINCES: P Rayner (Ballymena); J Sexton (Dublin University), M C Finn (Cork Constitution), J A Hewitt (NIFC), P Crotty (UCC); R P Keyes (Cork Constitution), R C Brady (Ballymena), A P Kennedy (London Irish), H T Nebbeon (Sestive Rangers), D C Fitzgerald (Lansdowne), D Fanning (St Mary's College, captain), B W McCall (London Irish), J Holland (Wanderers), W R Duncan (Malone), D Morrow (Bangor).

Harding puts his club first

Richard Harding, the Bristol and England scrum half, has opted to play for his club against Moseley on Saturday. He had been named among the replacements for the South and South-West's divisional game against the Midlands at Gloucester. Harding said: "Since injuring a rib in October, I've had only three games and Bristol need my services more

Bristol officially requested Harding's release because of the importance of their John Smith's Merit Table "A" match against the improving Midland club.

Harding, 32, won his three England caps last season but has since been overtaken both at divisional and national level by Richard Hill, the Bath scrum half.

FOR THE RECORD

CURLING

GRINDELWALD: European championships: MEN: Qualification event: 'A' road: First round: England 15, Luxembourg 3; Germany 9, Wales 4; Italy 8, Finland 2; Denmark 8, France 4; Norway 10, Austria 3; Sweden 8, Holland 5. (Switzerland and Scotland received byes for finishing first and second last year). Second round: Scotland 6, Sweden 5 (extra end); Norway 6, Denmark 3; Italy 7, Switzerland 4; Germany 7, England 5 (extra end). 'B' road: First round: Luxembourg 8, Wales 6; France 12, Austria 2. WOMEN: Qualification event: 'A' road: First round: Norway 9, England 8; Luxembourg 12, Italy 1; Denmark 9, Holland 6; Scotland 9, Austria 8; Switzerland 10, Finland 1; Wales 9, France 2 (Germany and Sweden received byes into the second round for finishing first and second last year).
Second round: Sweden 10, Scotland 4; Switzerland 10, Wales 1; Denmark 11, Luxembourg 2; Germany 7, Norway 6 (extra end). 'B' road: First round: Italy 9, Holland 3; France 7, Finland 3.

ETON FIVES

NATWEST COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Second round: Middlesex bt Sussex 3-0 (at Harrow); Kent bt Worcestershire 3-0 (at Eton); Hertfordshire w/o Leicestershire (at Uppingham); Shropshire bt Oxfordshire 3-0 (at Shrewsbury); Staffordshire bt Derbyshire 3-0 (at Repton); Suffolk bt Hampshire 2-1 (at Ipswich); Essex w/o Yorkshire (at Highgate); Warwickshire bt Cambridgeshire 3-0 (at Birmingham).



Richard Whichello: helped Britain's junior tennis team to a 2-1 win over the USSR in Florida

BASKETBALL

UNITED STATES: National Association (NBA): San Antonio Spurs 109, Chicago Bulls 107; New Jersey Nets 108, Sacramento Kings 100; Detroit Pistons 130, Cleveland Cavaliers 120; Boston Celtics 114, Atlanta Hawks 110; New York Knicks 92, Indiana Pacers 84; Milwaukee Bucks 117, Seattle Supersonics 98; Houston Rockets 134, Utah Jazz 105; Portland Trail Blazers 84, Golden State Warriors 92; Los Angeles Clippers 120, Dallas Mavericks 118.

FIGURE SKATING

SARAJEVO, Yugoslavia: World Junior championships: Second day: Ice dance, after three compulsories: 1, E Krilanova and Y Platov (USSR) 0.8pt; 2, S Serkalyi an A Zharkov (USSR) 1.2; 3, C Paliard and D Courcois (Fr) 1.8; 4, M Cole and M Smith (Can) 2.4; 5, D Yvon and F Pallue (Fr) 3.0; 6, O Pal and D Godfrey (Can) 3.6. British placings: 11, A Worthington and A Place, 6.6. Men, after short programme: 1, V Petrenko (USSR) 1.0; 2, R Galindo (US) 2.4; 3, Y Chimbalyuk (USSR) 2.6; 4, T Eldridge (US) 4.6; 5, S Abram (Aus) 7.6; 6, M Cimarolli (USSR) 7.8.

FOOTBALL

FOUR NATIONS TOURNAMENT: (In Guadalajara): Mexico 2, South Korea 1; Mexico 2, Algeria 0.
International match: Turkey 1, Poland 1 (at Adana).

HANDBALL

WOMEN'S GROUP B WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: Pool A (at Hanover): East Germany 18, Norway 14; West Germany 19, Denmark 13. Pool B (at Paine): United States 18, Sweden 23; Poland 22, France 16 (8-8). Pool C (at Aurich): Romania 18, Switzerland 17. Pool D (at Lueneburg): Hungary 38, Iceland 15; Austria 21, Czechoslovakia 24.

TABLE TENNIS

EUROPEAN LEAGUE: Super division: Yugoslavia 4, Hungary 3.

ICE HOCKEY

UNITED STATES: National league (NHL): Quebec Nordiques 7, Buffalo Sabres 5; Washington Capitals 3, Toronto Maple Leafs 2; Philadelphia Flyers 7, Boston Bruins 4; New York Islanders 7, Pittsburgh Penguins 4; St Louis Blues 7, Edmonton Oilers 3; Calgary Flames 6, Los Angeles Kings 5.

SQUASH RACKETS

AMERICAN EXPRESS PREMIER LEAGUE: Nottingham 2, Cannons 3; Entre Rectwood Lodge 2, Dunnings Mill 3; Manchester Northern 1, Sitmoss Arnley 4.

HOCKEY

PIZZA EXPRESS LONDON LEAGUE

Premier division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Southgate	5	3	2	0	12	4	11
Hounslow	3	2	1	0	4	2	7
Beckenham	3	2	0	1	6	4	6
Bromley	4	2	0	2	4	6	6
Blackheath	2	1	1	0	4	2	4
Teddington	3	1	1	1	2	3	4
Spencer	3	0	3	0	5	5	3
Richmond	3	1	0	2	4	8	3
Slough	3	0	0	3	2	6	0
St Albans	3	0	0	3	3	8	0

First Eleven	P	W	D	L	Pts	%
Southgate	12	10	2	0	32	88.88
Teddington	9	7	1	1	22	81.48
Reading	9	6	3	0	21	77.78
Blackheath	10	7	2	1	23	76.67
Surbiton	11	6	4	1	22	66.67
Hounslow	10	5	4	1	19	63.33
Bromley	10	6	2	2	20	66.67
Spencer	11	5	5	1	20	60.61
Beckenham	11	6	2	3	20	60.61
Tulse Hill	9	4	4	1	18	59.26
Richmond	11	5	2	4	17	51.52
St Albans	10	5	0	5	15	50.00
Wimbledon	10	5	0	5	15	50.00
Slough	10	4	2	4	14	46.67
Guildford	8	3	2	3	11	45.83
Dulwich	10	4	1	5	13	43.33
London Univ	13	5	1	7	16	41.03
Maidenhead	11	2	6	3	12	36.36
O Kingstonians	10	2	4	4	10	33.33
Hampstead	12	3	3	7	11	30.56
Cambridge U	14	3	2	9	11	26.19
Cheam	11	2	3	6	9	27.27
Hawks	11	2	3	7	8	18.18
Oxford Univ	13	1	2	10	5	12.82
Mid Surrey	11	1	1	9	4	12.12
Purley	11	1	0	10	3	9.09

YESTERDAY: Bromley 4, Cambridge University 1.

BOBSLEIGH

CORTINA D'AMPEZZO, Italy: World Cup two-men event: 1, Soviet Union (M Poljkans and J Bersupes) 1 min 56sec; 2, Austria (P Kienast and F Sieg) 1:58.36; 3, Great Britain (N Phipps and A Cearns) 1:58.51; 4, Italy (M Bellodis and G Lazzer) 1:58.68; 5, Italy (A Wolf and S Tirch) 1:58.74; 6, Italy (I Peretti and A Meneghin) 1:58.76; 7, United States (M Roy and J Herberich) 1:58.88; 8, Soviet Union (W Schalnew and A Putschkov) 1:58.90; 9, West Germany (R Jurbjuhn and A Groni) 1:59.35; 10, Italy (R d'Amico and F Bussolino) 1:59.61.

SNOOKER

NORTHAMPTON: Holmeister World Doubles Championship: Quarter-finals: S Davis and T Meo (Morden) bt N Foulds and J Parrot, 5-3.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

UNITED STATES: National League (NFL): Los Angeles Rams 27, San Francisco 49ers 20.

TENNIS

AUCKLAND, New Zealand: Women's circuit tennis tournament: Singles, first round: S Faulkner (Aus) bt B Cordwell (NZ) 6-7, 6-4, 6-0; M Turk (Aus) bt B Norton (US) 7-5, 6-2; L Antonopolis (US) bt M Perun (NZ) 6-2, 6-2; L Field (Aus) bt C Copeland (US) 6-3, 6-4; A Hobbs (GB) bt C Carney (Aus) 3-6, 6-2, 6-3.

POMPANO BEACH, Florida: World Junior Women's Continental Cup team championships: Austria bt P Rico 2-0; Romania bt Uruguay 2-0; W Germany bt Jamaica 2-0.

SYDNEY: New South Wales Men's tournament: Second round: J Kriek (US) bt B Drewett (Aus), 6–3, 6–4; S Glammovis (US) bt P McNamara (Aus), 6–2, 7–5; K Brandon (NZ) bt M Edmondson (Aus), 6–4, 6–4; T Champion (Fr) bt K Warwick (Aus), 6–2, 7–6; M Wooldridge (US) bt M Doyle (Ire), 7–5, 4–6, 7–6; M Dickson (US) v J Fitzgerald (Australia), 6–4, 1–5, unfinished.

TOKYO: Women's tournament: Second round: S Gadusek (US) bt R White (US) 6-4, 6-0; C Bassett (Can) bt A White (US) 6-3, 6-0; A Croft (GB) bt E Smylie (Aus) 6-1, 6-1; M Maleeva (Bul) bt K Maleeva (Bul) 6-4, 6-3.

PLANTATION, Florida: Jacaranda Sunshine Cup Junior tournament: Second round: United States bt Denmark 2-1; Great Britain bt Soviet Union 2-1. (British first R Whichello bt J Kratchkov 6-3, 3-6, 6-; A Brice lost to A Cherkasov 6-1, 6-2; Whichello and Bruce bt Kratchkov and Cherkasov 6-3, 6-4; France bt Colombia 3-0; Chile bt Greece 2-1; Austria bt Netherland 2-1; Canada bt W Germany 2-1; Czechoslovakia bt Ireland 3-0. (Czechs first: M Strelda bt M Nugent 6-1, 7-5; M Mistolic bt O Casey 6-0, 6-2; Czechoslovakia won doubles 3-7, 7-5, 6-4); Norway bt China 2-1; Israel bt Bulgara 3-0; Spain bt Costa Rica 3-0; Argentina bt Belgium 2-0; Mexico bt Portugal 3-0; Sweden bt Venezuela 2-0; Yugoslavia bt Bahamas 3-0.

RUGBY UNION

SCHOOLS: Wellington HS 41, Maidstone GS 4.

BOXING: Jiro Watanabe, of Japan, defends his World Boxing Council (WBC) super-flyweight title for the fourth time in Taegu, South Korea tomorrow when he meets Yun Suk-Hwan, of South Korea, with experts predicting the bout will not go the full 12 rounds. Both men are noted for their punching power, the 30-year-old champion including 17 knock-outs in his 26 wins, against on defeat. Yun, aged 23, has nine wins, with six knock-outs, against *one defeat since turning pro*fessional in 1982.

IN BRIEF

Phipps pipped for lead in bobsleigh

Cortina d'Ampezzo (Reuter) – Maris Pojkans and Jwars Bersups of the Soviet Union held a comfortable lead at the halfway stage of the two-man World Cup event at Cortina D'Ampezzo yesterday. Nick Phipps and Alan Cearns of Britain, who had the fastest time in Tuesday's opening practic run, were lying third, 0.51sec behind.

The double Olympicchampions, Wolfgang Hoppe and Dietmar Schauerhammer of East Germany, failed to won the opening event of the World Cup last month, and some of the leading Swiss racers are absent training in Austria for the European Championships.

SKIING: Michela Figini, the Olympic and world champion, outsped her rivals in final practice yesterday then admitted she had not gone flat out on the icy Val d'Isere course. The 19-year-old Swiss racer eased off well before the end and shimmied through the finish with a slalom flourish, but she was still 0.88sec quicker than the second-placed Carole Merle of France. She will be the favourite for the first two downhills of the World Cup season today and tomorrow.

CRICKET: Queensland took advantage of Victoria's weakened attack to gain a seven-wicket win and reach the semi-final of Australia's one-day cup competition yesterday. Victoria scored 170 in 49.4 overs but Queensland's target was cut to 133 off 39 overs because of rain and they eased home with four overs to spare.

TABLE TENNIS: The world champion, Jiang Jialiang, and the number two, Chen Longcan, both of China, are among the top Asian players for the first intercontinental showdown of the season in Paris on January 10 to 11.

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FOOTBALL: WHEN AULD ACQUAINTANCES MEET AT WEMBLEY FIFA WILL EXACT A WORLD CUP PRICE

England will willingly pay the financial penalty to keep a tradition alive

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

The traditional annual fixture between England and Scotland to be staged at Wembley on April 23, may not be their last meeting of the year. Since the auld acquaintances are expected to be placed in different groups by the World Cup seeding committee, they could find themselves five weeks later sharing the same home in the first round of the finals.

If they happen to be paired together in Sunday's draw in Mexico City fate will have been more than unkind. It will have been costly as well. Apart from shortening the odds against the three British representatives reaching the last 16; the Football Association stand to lose at least £30,000.

Under normal circumstances FIFA receive two per cent of the gate receipts that are collected at each international match. In an attempt to discourage World Cup qualifiers from playing against each other between the draw and the finals, the governing body introduced a regulation to increase the levy to eight per cent.

Even though the game at Wembley is deliberately being held in midweek to reduce the chances of crowd trouble, an FA spokesman yesterdayt estimated that the receipts would be "over £500,000". And added: "It will definitely go ahead, whatever happens. If we had to pay 50 per ent to FIFA We would probably postpone it".

It should hae been the turn of the Scots to act as hosts but last year the FA, who had unwisel scheduled the fixture for a Saturday, feared that London might be invaded by a boisterous and possibly violent tartan army and felt that they had no alternative but to switch the venue to Hampden Park.

England, the only European nation to qualify without being defeated, will be included among the seond seeds. Their companions are almost certain to be Argentina, who won the tournament in their own homeland in 1978, Urguay, the champions of South America, Spain, the hosts in 1982, the Soviet Union and Northern Ireland.

Mexico seedings

FIRST GROUP: Mexico, Italy, Brazil, France, West Germany, Poland.
SECOND GROUP: Argentina, Uruguay, England, Northern Ireland, Soviet Union, Spain.
THIRD GROUP: Denmark, Scotland, Hungary, Bulgaria, Portugal, Belgium.
FOURTH GROUP: Paraguay, Iraq, Morocco, Canada, South Korea, Algeria.

Bobby Robson is relieved to have been kept away from the two South American sides. Urugnay were the most impressive of England's opponents during the tour of 1984 and Robson witnessed Argentina's talent, especially that of the extraordinary Maradona, in their qualifying game.

Nor would Robson, who appreciates that his side were fortunate to win in Belfast last February, have welcomed another tiring struggle in the Mexican heat against the Irish. Though more awkward than gifted, Billy Bingham's team twice conquered the Romanians, which was beyond England's capabilities in Bucharest or even at Wembley.

The Scots, the last of the 24 finalists to confirm their entry, will be in a powerful group of third seeds. They will be joined probably by Hungary.

The Hungarians confirmed their recent resurgence by opening with five successive wins. Knowing that they had already qualified, their mental fragility returned and they lost their perfect record. The Bulgarians, who gained a mere point from their opening two ties, finished strongly enough to go through from Europe's most difficult qualifying group.

Paraguay, who drew in Brazil and subsequently emerged from the South American play-off, are the most dangerous of the bottom seeds. Canada and Algeria remained unbeaten and Morocco conceded only one goal but they, South Korea and Iraq (who with the Danes and Canadians will be making their initial appearance on the world stage) are expected to leave early.

Those who should stay longest, the top seeds, were already known. Italy, the holders, who will open the tournament in the Aztec Stadium on May 31, will lead group A and be based in Puebla. The hosts will be at the head of group B in the capital. The other four top seeds were given preference for reaching the semi-finals in Spain three years ago.

France, the European champions, Brazil, who are regarded as the favourites, West Germany and Poland will be residing in Leon (group C), Guadalajara (D), Queretaro (E), and Monterrey (F) respectively.



Flying Forester: Elliot takes off between Oxford's Aitkenhead and Link at Wembley yesterday (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Mortimer resigns from Birmingham

By a Special Correspondent

Birmingham City, due shortly to announce debts estimated to be in excess of £2m, suffered a new financial setback last night with the resignation from the board of Mr Dennis Mortimer, who has also withdrawn his financial support, which was said to be a stake in the club of £150,000 when he was appointed to the board last May.

The former chairman of Luton Town refused to comment on his reasons for pulling out of the financially stricken club. However, it follows closely on their lowest post-war gate of 7,043 on Saturday, when the match against Watford was also interrupted for nearly an hour after a bomb scare.

Since then, Birmingham's players have called in the PFA to assist them in a dispute with the club over the non-payment of dues to their pension fund.

Cash problems have piled in on Birmingham increasingly since the notorious riot when Leeds were the visitors for the promotion decider in the final match of last season.

An outlay in the region of £250,000 for the necessary public safety improvements resulted in money initially promised to the manage Ron Saunders for team strengthening being withdrawn.

Birmingham have since slumped into the bottom three with only one point gained out of the last 30 and they now face the distinct danger of relegation for the second time in three years.

Birmingham's balance sheet is due out shortly and is expected to show a deterioration from debts of £1.8m. to £2m. in 1984/85 with the danger of a farther decline ahead.

The club's chairman, Mr Keith Coombs last night declined to comment on Mr Mortimer's resignation, or the club's financial problems.



Mortimer: no comment

Evans lives up to his billing

By Ivo Tennant

Oxford University.....0
Cambridge University.....2

Two goals fit to grace an encounter between better teams brought Cambridge victory at Wembley. Oxford, who if anything had more possession in the first half, fell away after the interval.

For the first time in 102 meetings, the university match was sponsored. St Quintin, a firm of property consultants, have financially guaranteed that this fixture will continue at Wembley for the next three years. The pity of it was that the crowd yesterday was only a third of what was expected in the evening for a greyhound meeting.

About four to five thousand, many of them school children, created an eerie noise in the great stadium, their squeals reverberating around the shale. The players though were less affected than the dogs might have been. Much of the football was deft, the first touch especially.

Cambridge had created at least four reasonable chances when, after 29 minutes Evans wandered through the middle of Oxford's defence, sold a perfect dummy and shot into a corner, for once the programme definition was fitting: this is indeed a skilful and speedy winger who likes to take players on.

Two minutes into the second half Cambridge scored their second through Earl, who has impressed this term with the quality of his goals, from Baker's long throw the ball was headed out of defence and Early volleyed in with aplomb.

Strangely, Oxford now had little to offer. The midfield, their strong point, never got going and other than two shots from Gazidis, another winger, Cambridge were hardly troubled.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: S Crummett (Manchester GS and St Edmund Hall); G Box (Maidstone GS and Oriel, capt), I King (Shacklewell Liverpool and Queen's), D Taylor (Burnley Habergham HS and Christ Church), B Aitenhead (Corsham School and Corpus Christi), D Smith (Bradford and New, sub: R Sidebottom (Lytham St Anne's HS and Pembroke), G Link (Hampton and Pembroke), G Harper (Abingdon and St Edmund Hall), A Bird (St Alban's and Queen's, sub: A Anson (Outlane Hill Comp and Exeter), I Gazidis (Manchester GS and St Edmund Hall), D Hunter (Queen Elizabth GS, Blackburn and Oriel).

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: M Potts (Habergashers' Aske's, Elstree and Queen's, capt); A Spurling (Tonbridge and Trinity Hall), G Baker (Wolverhampton GS and St Catharine's, S Lane (Heaton Vell and Selwyn), R Girdlestone (Hampton School and St John's), G Bell (Queen Elizabeth College Gainsborough and St Catharine's), P Earl (Wymondham College and Trinity, sub: R Slamey (Hampton School and Trinity), B Randall (Reddam Court School and Downing), C Elliott (Forest School and Girton, S Rouse (Corsham School and Robinson, sub: T Warner (International School, Geneva and Churchill) C Evans (Wolverhampton GS, Fitzwilliam).

Referee: D G Frampton (Dorset).

Taylor predicts League deal by Christmas

Agreement on a revised structure for the game in England should be reached by Christmas, Gordon Taylor, the chairman of the Professional Footballers' Association, said yesterday after a five-hour meeting in Manchester of all 92 League clubs. "I am optimistic things will be finalized next week," Taylor said.

"The public expects change, there will be change and that will be good for the game. The present link with the third and fourth division clubs will be maintained.

The leading clubs which initiated the mood for change have insisted from the beginning that the associate members should remain within the League structure. But they are pressing for financial reform with more money to go to the big clubs.

The meeting called by the Football League for next Wednesday will not now take place. Instead the proposals thrashed out by the clubs could be put straight to an extraordinary general meeting of the League early in the New Year.

WORLD CUP QUALIFYING DETAILS

MEXICO (qualify as hosts)
ITALY (qualify as holders)
BRAZIL (winners, South American group 3)

Bolivia	2-0	1-1
Paraguay	2-0	3-1
Paraguay	1-1	2-1
Bolivia	2-1	3-1

WEST GERMANY (winners, European group 2)

Sweden	2-0	3-2
Malta	3-0	6-0
Portugal	2-1	3-2
Malta	6-0	8-0
Czechoslovakia	5-1	6-2
Sweden	2-2	3-3
Portugal	0-1	2-3
Czechoslovakia	2-2	3-2

FRANCE (winners, European group 4)

Luxembourg	4-0	8-1
Bulgaria	1-0	3-2
East Germany	2-0	3-1
Yugoslavia	0-0	2-2
Bulgaria	0-2	2-3
E Germany	0-2	2-4
Luxembourg	6-0	10-0
Yugoslavia	2-0	3-1

POLAND (winners, European group 1)

Greece	3-1	4-2
Albania	2-0	3-0
Belgium	0-2	2-3
Greece	1-1	2-2
Albania	1-0	2-1
Belgium	0-0	2-0

ARGENTINA (winners, South American group 1)

Venezuela	3-2	4-3
Columbia	3-1	4-2
Venezuela	3-0	4-1
Columbia	1-0	2-1
Peru	2-1	3-2
Peru	3-2	4-3

URUGUAY (winners, South American group 2)

Ecuador	2-1	3-2
Chile	0-2	2-3
Ecuador	2-0	3-0
Chile	2-1	3-2

ENGLAND (winners, European group 3)

Finland	5-0	8-0
Turkey	8-0	9-0
N Ireland	1-0	2-1
Romania	0-0	2-1
Finland	1-1	3-2
Romania	1-1	2-2
Turkey	5-0	8-0
N Ireland	0-0	2-0

NORTHERN IRELAND (runners up, European Group 3)

Finland	0-1	2-2
Romania	3-2	4-3
Finland	2-1	3-2
England	0-1	1-2
Turkey	2-0	3-0
Turkey	0-0	1-0
Romania	1-0	2-1
England	0-0	1-0

SOVIET UNION (runners up, European Group 6)

Republic of Ireland	0-1	(a)
Norway	1-1	3-2
Switzerland	2-2	4-3
Switzerland	4-0	5-0
Denmark	2-1	4-2
Denmark	1-0	2-1
Republic of Ireland	2-0	3-1
Norway	1-0	2-1

SPAIN (winners, European group 7)

Wales	1-0	2-1
Scotland	1-0	3-2
Scotland	1-1	3-3
Wales	2-1	3-2
Iceland	2-1	3-2
Iceland	2-1	3-2

DENMARK (winners, European group 6)

Norway	1-0	2-1
Switzerland	0-1	2-3
Rep of Ireland	3-0	4-2
Soviet Union	4-2	5-3
Switzerland	0-0	2-2
Norway	5-1	6-2
Rep of Ireland	4-1	5-2

SCOTLAND (runners-up, European group 7)

Iceland	3-0	4-1
Spain	3-1	4-3
Spain	0-1	2-3
Wales	0-1	1-2
Iceland	1-0	2-1
Wales	1-1	2-2

(winners, play-off v Oceania champions)

Australia	2-0	(a)
Australia	0-0	(h)

HUNGARY (winners, European group 5)

Austria	3-1	5-2
The Netherlands	2-1	4-2
Cyprus	3-0	5-0
Austria	2-0	3-1
The Netherlands	6-1	8-2

PORTUGAL (runners-up, European group 2)

Sweden	1-0	2-1
Czechoslovakia	2-1	3-2
Sweden	1-3	3-4
Malta	3-1	4-2
West Germany	1-2	2-3
Czechoslovakia	2-1	3-2
Malta	1-0	2-1
West Germany	1-0	2-1

BELGIUM (runners-up, European group 1)

Albania	3-1	4-2
Greece	5-2	6-3
Albania	3-0	4-1
Greece	2-0	3-1
Poland	2-1	3-2
Poland	0-0	1-1

(winners, European play-off)

The Netherlands	1-0	2-1
The Netherlands	1-2	2-3

(on away goals)

BULGARIA (runners-up, European group 4)

Yugoslavia	0-0	1-1
France	0-1	1-2
Luxembourg	1-0	4-0
East Germany	1-0	2-1
France	2-0	3-1
Yugoslavia	3-1	4-2
Luxembourg	3-0	7-0
East Germany	1-2	2-3

PARAGUAY (runners-up South American group 3)

Bolivia	1-1	2-2
Bolivia	3-0	4-1
Brazil	0-2	2-3
Brazil	1-1	2-2

(winners, South American play-offs)

Colombia	3-0	4-1
Colombia	1-2	3-3
Chile	3-0	4-1
Chile	2-2	3-3

CANADA (winners, CONCACAF group 3)

Haiti	2-0	3-1
Guatemala	2-1	3-2
Guatemala	1-1	2-2
Haiti	2-0	3-1

(winners, CONCACAF play-offs)

Costa Rica	1-1	2-2
Honduras	1-0	2-1
Costa Rica	2-0	3-1
Honduras	2-1	3-2

IRAQ (winners, Asian group 1, sub group B)

Jordan	3-0	4-1
Qatar	2-0	3-1
Jordan	2-0	3-1
Qatar	2-1	(h)
UAE	3-2	4-3
UAE	1-2	2-3

(on away goals)

Syria	0-0	1-1
Syria	3-1	4-2

SOUTH KOREA (winners, Asian group 3, sub group A)

Nepal	2-0	3-1
Malaysia	0-1	2-3
Nepal	4-0	5-1
Malaysia	2-0	3-1

(winners, Asian second round)

Indonesia	2-0	3-1
Indonesia	4-1	5-2

(winners, Asian play-offs)

Japan	2-1	3-2
Japan	1-0	2-1

ALGERIA (bye, African first round)
(winners, African second round)

Angola	0-0	1-1
Angola	3-2	4-3

(winners, African third round)

Zambia	2-0	3-1
Zambia	1-0	2-1

(winners, African play-offs)

Tunisia	4-1	5-2
Tunisia	3-0	4-1

MOROCCO (winners, African first round)

Sierra Leone	1-0	2-1
Sierra Leone	4-0	5-1

(winners, African second round)

Malawi	2-0	3-1
Malawi	0-0	1-1

(winners, African third round)

Egypt	0-0	1-1
Egypt	2-0	3-1

(winners, African play-offs)

Libya	3-0	4-1
Libya	0-1	1-2

Final European Tables

Group one

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Poland	6	3	2	1	10	6	8
Belgium	6	3	2	1	7	3	8
Albania	6	1	2	3	6	9	4
Greece	6	1	2	3	5	10	4

Group two

West Germany	8	5	2	1	22	8	12
Portugal	8	5	0	3	12	10	10
Sweden	8	4	1	3	14	9	9
Czechoslovakia	8	3	2	3	11	12	8
Malta	8	0	1	7	5	25	1

Group three

England	8	4	4	0	21	2	12
N Ireland	8	3	4	1	9	5	10
Romania	8	3	3	2	12	7	9
Finland	8	3	2	3	7	12	8
Turkey	8	0	1	7	2	24	1

Group four

France	8	5	1	2	15	4	11
Bulgaria	8	5	1	2	13	5	11
E Germany	8	5	0	3	16	9	10
Yugoslavia	8	3	2	3	7	8	8
Luxembourg	8	0	0	8	2	27	0

Group five

Hungary	6	5	0	1	12	4	10
The Netherlands	6	3	1	2	11	5	7
Austria	6	3	1	2	9	8	7
Cyprus	6	0	0	6	3	18	0

Group six

Denmark	6	5	1	2	17	6	11
Soviet Union	6	4	2	0	13	5	10
Switzerland	6	2	2	2	5	10	6
Rep Ireland	6	2	0	4	5	10	4
Norway	6	1	1	4	4	10	3

Group seven

Spain	6	4	0	2	9	6	8
Scotland	6	3	1	2	8	4	7
Wales	6	3	1	2	7	6	7
Iceland	6	1	0	5	4	10	2

Morning kick-off threat to Portsmouth

Portsmouth could be forced into morning kick-offs for some off their matches following Tuesday night's baulers between rival gangs of supporters before the Milk Cup match against Tottenham.

There were 54 arrests after 200 armed supporters fought at a public house half a mile from Fratton Park. Eye witnesses claimed Portsmouth fans attacked Spurs supporters, but an FA spokesman said: "Our policy is that we can only investigate trouble inside football grounds or at the turnstiles."

However, the FA now keep dossiers on all incidents of hooliganism which they take into account when dealing with clubs.

Chelsea, for instance, have been ordered to kick off a number of potentially explosive fixtures in the morning and Portsmouth may now be in for similar treatment.

Portsmouth's goal-scoring hero, Noel Blake, is looking forward to facing the likes of Spurs every week. Portsmouth, the second division leaders, reached the quarter-finals for the first time in 25 years, thanks to Blake's header after 45 minutes of the second replay.

They go to Oxford on January 15, but Blake, a defender, said: "Our main priority is getting promotion.

Peter Shreeve, the Tottenham manager, said: "I would have thought Portsmouth have every chance of promotion. The team shows the quality of their manager."

His counterpart, Alan Ball, will not let his side dwell on the triumph. "I've got to bring them down to earth on Thursday. We're playing Hull on Saturday, and the fans will expect us to steam-roller them. But football isn't like that."

Chelsea moved into the quarter-finals, and into further disciplinary problems, as they beat Everton 2-1 with ten men at Goodison Park.

Their full back Darren Wood, was sent off for a wild challenge on Pat van den Hauwe, which will cost him a two-match suspension, and David Speedie picked up a booking for dissent

South will settle for figurehead position

Sir Arthur South will not stand for election to the new Norwich City board of directors, ending 19 years on the board. He has instead been nominated for the figurehead positon of club patron at an extraordinary meeting to be held on January 3.

Nominations for the new board include Robert Chase and Jimmy Jones, who voted against the rest of the board over the handling of the £1.5 million building contract for a new stand. Between them they hold 42 per cent of the club's shares.

Sir Arthur has urged full support for the new Regime. "The important thing now is that everyone pulls together in readiness for the very difficult future football is facing," he said. "Happily at Norwich we are rather better off than most to face it, and if we can get back into the first division at the first attempt all this will be quickly forgotten."

The dispute that led to Sir Arthur's resignation began when Jones resigned from the board in protest at the awarding of the contract to the same builders who had been responsible for the club's other stand. Jones supported a rival scheme and is now trying to force changes to the accepted plan. Work has already started on the new stand to replace the building which was destroyed by fire just over a year ago.

Sir Arthur was a member of the Football League management committee and led the League's teevison negotiating team. He is now an honorary life member of the Football Association.

● Chris Turner has been appointed as Cambridge United's manager, six days after Ken Shellito resigned the job. The former Luton and Cambridge centre half, aged 34, was the club's player of the year when they were in the second division two seasons ago, but left to become player-coach of Ramsey in the United Counties League. He returns with Cambridge in the fourth division, having been relegated in each of the last two years.

● Preston North End's next three home matches will kick off at 1.30, starting with Saturday's game against Aldershot. Their starts were recently brought forward to 2pm because the 30-year-old floodlight pylons at Deepdale have corroded.

Meanwhile, the club is counting the cost of sliding to the depths of the fourth division. Their annual report reveals that the club is now £88,000 in the red, including a trading loss of £64.000 on the year covering last season, which ended in relegation.

LAST NIGHT'S RESULTS

UEFA CUP: Third round, second leg: Neuchatel Xamax 3, Dundee United 1 (agg 4-3).
SCOTTISH CUP: First round replay: Cowdenbeath 0, Berwick Rangers 2.
FULL MEMBERS' CUP: Northern final, second leg: Manchester City 2, Hull City 0 (agg 3-2).
SCREEN SPORTS SUPER CUP: Norwich City 1, Manchester United 1.

RUGBY UNION

JOHN SMITH'S MERIT TABLE 8: Rosslyn Park 16, London Irish 12.
CLUB MATCHES: Bath 19, Cheltenham 18; Bedford 20, RAF 19; Glamorgan Wanderers 8, Bridgend 7; Llanelli 3, Pontypool 10; Maesteg 28, Penarth 10; Royal Navy 3, Cornwall 0; Abertillery 18, Swansea 12.

RUGBY LEAGUE

JOHN PLAYER TROPHY: Quarter-final: St Helens 57, Hull 14.
FIRST DIVISION: Castleford 16, Dewsbury 12.

Rochdale to riches

Rochdale, who only once played in front of a crowd of more than 7,000 last season, are rubbing their hands with keen anticipation as they look forward to a third round FA Cup visit to Manchester United next month.

They will hope to collect around £35,000 from the 26-mile round trip to Old Trafford, after Tuesday night's 2-1 replay win over Scunthorpe United and it will be the second year running that the FA Cup third round has brought the club record receipts.

In January the fourth division team crashed 4-1 at home to the non-league club Telford United, but still took £8,834, a club best to date. Ronnie Moore scored Rochdale's 75th minute winner.

The Tranmere Rovers player-manager, Frank Worthington, was sent off for disputing the 59th minute penalty that produced Burv's winner at Gigg Lane.

Yesterday's results

UEFA CUP: Third round, second leg: Hajduk Split 2, Dnepr Dnepropetrovsk 0. (agg 3-0).
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Chelsea 2, Oxford 1.
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Southern Amateur League XI 1, London Insurance FA 2.

SQUASH RACKETS

Thorne conjures shots and smiles

From Colin McQuillan, Muscat

Jahangir Khan, world champion and unbeaten for the better part of five years, last night defeated Ross Thorne, of Australia, 9-3, 9-1, 9-0 in the semi-finals of the £22,000 Al Falaj tournament in Muscat.

The result was never in doubt, even by the courageous and sometimes brilliant Thorne, but the manner of Jahangir's 27-minute progress to yet another major final raised applause even among other professionals and strongly suggested that the best player in the world is actually becoming better.

The Australian went into the match still tired from hard battles against Stuart Davenport and Gawain Briars, not to mention a long international tour in search of ranking points. Jahangir has so many points that a final win today will reduce his 150-point average. The grade two event played on the glass show court of the Al Falaj Hotel carries only 140 points for the winner.

"I do not think about computer points", Jahangir says. A more significant difference may be that he does not arrive already tired at late-stage matches. On Tuesday, his twenty-second birthday, he took just 14 minutes to destroy Steve Bowditch for a single point. Thorne played exhausting squash for an hour against Davenport and for 87 minutes against Briars.

Thorne is a handsome, smiling man. Such was the humour of his efforts last night that even the normally implacable Pakistani was exchanging grins by the end. There was noticeably, though, a moment of majestic amazement when Thorne showed respect for one superb overhead flick by pushing Jahangir roughly in the chest in that mock-fierce manner managed only by admiring Antipodeans.

Between laughs the two conjured exchanges that the British champion, Philip Kenyon, later described as "devastating squash". Thorne plays a particularly elegant, wristy style, delightful to watch but almost horrific to meet on court.

There was a little laughter in the second semi-final in which Ross Norman, of New Zealand, earned his seventh successive tilt at the world champion, beating the Australian Glen Brumby 9-7, 9-0, 9-6 in 41 minutes.

QUARTER-FINALS: R Thorne (Aus) bt S Davenport (NZ) 9-4, 9-6, 9-0; Jahangir Khan (Pak) bt S Bowditch (Aus) 9-0, 9-1, 9-0.

Ardleigh comeback

By a Special Correspondent

The first half of the American Express Premier League programme draws to a pre-Christmas climax next Tuesday when Manchester Northern, the champions, entertain the current leaders, Ardleigh Hall.

Last week Manchester moved to within one point of the Essex side but on Tuesday night they suprisingly lost 4-1 at home to their visitors from across the Pennines, Slimcea Armley.

Ardleigh, meanwhile, increased their lead to six points with a fighting 4-1 win against Leicester. Three of the Ardleigh players, Ahmed Safwat, Paul Carter and Richard Elliot, produced the sort of performances champions are made of by battling back from two games down to beat Simon Taylor, Stephen Bateman and Damian Walker respectively.

Entre Redwood Lodge, the Bristol side, look like going through the first half of the season – if not the whole programme without registering a single victory. They had their best chance of breaking their duck against a below-strength Dunnings Mill team but, with the match score poised at 2-2, Redwood Lodge's No.2, Philip Whitlock, was forced to retire with a knee injury against Andrew Dwyer, the Sussex side's former England international.

Cannons Club's Paul Symonds, the South African No. 1, is enjoying his extended run in the team.

At Nottingham, Symonds faced another South African, Richard O'Connor, but went through a surprisingly torrid start before winning 9-10, 3-9, 9-2, 9-4, 9-0 to lead Cannons to a 3-2 win.

LEAGUE POSITIONS: Ardleigh Hall 41 pts; 2, Manchester Northern 35; 3, Chapel Allerton 34; 4, Edgbaston Priory 30; 5, Dunnings Mill 29; 6, Cannons Club 28; 7, Slimcea Armley 27; 8, Nottingham 25; 9, Squash Leicester 21; 10, Entre Redwood Lodge 10.

BOXING

Marine crowns prince

Inglewood, California (Reuter) – J B Williamson beat Prince Mama Mohammed of Ghana last night to win the World Boxing Council (WBC) light-heavyweight crown. The aged 28, used heavy body shots and short combinations in the clinches to win the vacated by Michael Spinks on a unanimous points decision over 12 rounds. Mohammed landed only one telling blow as his left-handed assault proved ineffective.

Williamson, a former Marine Corps champion who was unranked two years ago but came in as the WBC's number three contender, surprised Mohammed by holding him, spinning away and scoring on the break. He fended off most blows with his gloves.

Mohammed's legs buckled when Williams hit hem in the sixth round with a thunderous right to the stomach. From there on the Ghanaian, obviously tired, was on the defensive as he tried to avoid a knockout.

"This is what I've been waiting 16 years for, ever since I was 12 years old, "Williamson, who trains in the same gymnasium as Mohammed, told reporters. "I took the fight constantly to him. I think I was physically stronger and quicker. The body is not meant to endure the type of punishment I gave him".

Spinks had to surrender the WBC title after he beat Larry Holmes for the International Boxing Federation (IBF) heavyweight title last October.

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RACKETS

Male confirms talent

By William Stephens

James Male, the third seed, defeated Christopher Worlidge 15-3, 15-7, 15-4 in the second round of the Celestion amateur championship at Queen's Club yesterday.

Male, aged 21, is one of the most exciting prospects to enter senior competition. He won the Foster Cup in 1980 and 1981 when at Radley. He is double-handed in the rallies and has always possessed a crisp right-handed serve from the left side. His service from the right has hitherto been a weak point; he originally served double-handed, then experimented with right-handed serves which had no bite; now he has developed the strength to serve incisively left handed. The added variation of foul-cut serves sensures frequent bewilderment in his opponents.

Worlidge, losing finalist for Marlborough with David Watson against Malvern in the 177 public schools championship, is an artistic and delicate player. Male put him under relentless pressure initiated by severe service and sustained by searing pace in the rallies.

SNOOKER

People make choice

Willie Thorne and Cliff Thorburn on Tuesday night emerged as the people's favourites to win the Holmeister world doubles championship. After their 5-2 quarter-final defeat of Silvino and Peter Francisco, Thorburn and Thorne went out to sign autographs.

Thorne arrived first, to a round of warm applause from several hundred people. A few moments later, Thorburn appeared. He was immediately surrounded by a host of admirers and the cheers and clapping began again. It may have had something to do with their approach to their evening match, after the dreary afternoon match between Steve Davis and Tony Meo, the No 2 seeds, and Neal Foulds and John Parrott.

That match, which included a 70-minute opening frame – the third-longest in a professional tournament – and a 61-minute fifth frame, lasted more than 4½ hours before Davis and Meo secured a 5-3 win.

In contrast, Thorburn and Thorne took just 2½ hours to win. It was Thorne who again did most of the potting, with breaks of 84 and 88 in the first and third frames.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

FA CUP: Second round replays: Bury 2, Tranmere Rovers 1 (Bury at home to Barnsley); Rochdale 2, Scunthorpe United 1 (Rochdale away to Manchester United); Slough 2, Orient 3 (Orient away to Oldham); Torquay United 2, Newport County 3 (aet; score at 90 mins 2-2; Newport away to Sunderland); Walsall 2, Port Vale 1 (Walsall at home to Manchester City); Wigan Athletic 4, Runcorn 0 (Wigan at home to Bournemouth); Wrexham 0, Notts County 3 (Notts County away to Stoke).
MILK CUP: Fourth round replay: Everton 1, Chelsea 2 (Chelsea away to Queen's Park Rangers). Fourth round, second replay: Portsmouth 1, Tottenham Hotspur 0 (Portsmouth away to Oxford).
SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION: Clydebank 2, Aberdeen 1.
OTHER MATCH: Hibernian 4, Feyenoord 2.
IRISH LEAGUE: TNT Gold Cup: Crusaders 3, Linfield 1.
MULTIPART LEAGUE: Matlock 2, Oswestry 3.
VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: AC Delco Cup: Third round: Harrow 5, Dorking 1. Premier division: Farnborough 2, Tooting and Mitcham 3; Hendon 2

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RACING

Assessors rate Slip Anchor 5lb inferior to Shergar

By Michael Seely

Slip Anchor was rated 3lb superior to Pebbles, the race horse of the year, in the European international classification, the weights for which were announced at a conference in London yesterday. But taking the weight-for-sex allowance into consideration, this means that the panel of English, French and Irish handicappers considered that Lord Howard de Walden's seven lengths Derby Winner and Sheikh Mohammed's brilliant winner of the Dubai Champion Stakes would have run a dead heat, given the proviso that both horses were racing over their best distances.

In assessing Slip Anchor at 95, the panel were considering the Shirley Heights colt to have been inferior to Shergar (100) and Troy (96) and equal to The Minstrel among Derby winners since the international classification was first compiled in 1977.

However, Anthony Arkwright, the handicapper responsible for middle distances, added an important rider. "We were all unanimous that Slip Anchor's Epsom performance was one of exceptional merit and at that time we rated him at 101. But the colt did not repeat that form."

For the first time horses that had won group one races over different distances, were given separate ratings in both categories. Pebbles, for example, was assessed at 85 on the strength of her glorious but narrow defeat of Strawberry Road and Mourjane in the Breeders Cup mile and half race on turf at Aqueduct.

Oh So Sharp came into the same category. Sheikh Mohammed's triple crown winner was rated at 90 on the strength of her impressive Oaks win, but only an 82 judged on her narrow defeat of Al Bahathri and Bella Colora in the 1,000 Guineas.

"And if we had had a mile and threequarters category, Oh So Sharp would have been considered to have put up an 11lb worse performance in the St Ledger than at Epsom," Captain Arkwright added.

Of the other three-year-olds and the older horses, Rainbow Quest and Sagace, the principals in that dramatic finish to the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe were bracketed together at 93, 2lb inferior to Slip Anchor. Petoski, the conqueror of Oh So Sharp, and Rainbow Quest in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes at Ascot, was rated at 94.

Shadeed, assessed at 91 on the strength of his Queen Elizabeth II Stakes win, was adjudged to best miler to have raced in Europe during the year, and Never So Bold at 90 the outstanding sprinter.

As far as the future is concerned, Bakharoff, Guy Harwood's William Hill Futurity winner, was allotted pride of place in the classification for two-year-olds, 11b in front of Huntingdale, his earlier conquerer in the Dewhurst Stakes. This is only the third time in the past eight years that the winner of the Dewhurst has not been considered the best two-year-old in Europe.

Good colts though Bakharoff and Huntingdale are, they were not rated markedly superior to their contempories. And the open nature of next season's classics is reflected by the fact that both Ladbrokes and William Hills have different colts as their favourites for the 2,000

The international classification is always based on solid foundations, but it is worth remembering that at this time last year Slip Anchor had a solitary victory to his credit at Nottingham, as had Shadeed – the subsequent winner of the 2,000 Guineas – in the Houghton Stakes. It is also a sobering fact that Grundy in 1975 was the last horse to head the Free Handicap and win the Derby

The top 30 two-year-olds

Bakharoff 9-7	Donskoi 9-2	Faustus 9-0
Huntingdale 9-6	Embla 9-2	Kingscote 9-0
Bazaar Vole 9-4	Femme Elite 9-2	Last Tycoon 9-0
Bold Arrangement 9-4	Kadrou 9-2	Midway Lady 9-0
Nomination 9-4	Laud On Time 9-2	Nomrood 9-0
Sure Blade 9-4	Moorgate Man 9-2	River Dancer 9-0
Fast Topaze 9-3	Splendid Moment 9-2	Tate Gallery 9-0
Regal State (9-3)	Un Desperado 9-1	Beaujolaise 8-13
Tanaos 9-3	Woodman 9-1	Bestebreuje 8-13
Arokar 9-2	Bonhomie 9-0	Paddy 8-13.



Happy landings: Vodkatini touches down after the last on his way to victory at Huntingdon (Photograph: Chris Cole)

Conditions favour Peaty Sandy

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

The presence of Mr Snugfit and Hallo Dandy in the Ronnie Johnston Memorial Trophy at Haydock Park this afternoon gives today's feature race at the Lancashire course quite a National flavour.

This will be Mr Snugfit's first race since his epic effort against Last Suspect at Aintree last March. But Hallo Dandy, the hero of the Grand National the year before but ironically a faller at the first fence last spring, has been out twice

His first race was at Cheltenham in October when he was beaten one and a half lengths by Drops O'Brandy with another of today's runners, Mount Oliver, 10 lengths back in third place. Then he contested the St Helens Handicap Chase over four miles on this course in November and went down by six lengths to Big Brown Bear, who also opposes him again today. On 10lb better terms, Hallo Dandy obviously has a good chance of getting his revenge.

Whether he or any of the others for that matter will prove capable of collaring the top weight, Peaty Sandy, looks doubtful and I made PEATY SANDY, my nap.

Helen Hamilton's 11-year-old will relish both the soft ground underfoot and today's distance of three miles and a half. the easy winner of the Welsh National in 1981 when he was also ridden by Geordie Dun, then an amateur, Peaty Sandy has been in sparkling form this season.

After an initial pipe opener at Kelso in October he then comprehensively outstayed Final Argument at Ayr to win the *Timeform* Chase. Next time out Peaty Sandy won again at Newcastle where his boundless stamina was again much in evidence. On that occasion he had Hardy Lady, well behind in sixth place and I think he should confirm his superiority on only 5lbs worse terms, especially as Hardy Lad has run moderately in the meantime.

Peter Walwyn will have first runner under National Hunt rules for a long time when Parang carries his own colours in the Hindley Green Novices Hurdle. Way back in the early sixties the genial master of Seven Barrows could be said to have cut his teeth on jumpers when doing well with the likes of Royal Spirit, Taxynthus, Don Verde and Gail Greine.

So having schooled well with horses trained by Walwyn's brother-in law, Nick Gaselee, Parang will certainly know his onions today as far as jumping is concerned. I expect this winner on soft ground on the flat at Bath to run well without perhaps being quite good enough to beat HONEYGROVE BANKER, who looked pretty accomplished first time out at Uttoxeter and even better in his next race here at Haydock when he maintained his unbeaten record by trouncing Hopeful Mission by half a dozen lengths.

Following that decisive victory at Wetherby last Saturday Francis Lee's three-year-old, STRING PLAYER, looks the one they all have to beat in the Goldbourne Novices' Hurdle. With Pitcravie and Strath Leader dropping by the wayside overnight, the Birkdale Novices' Chase looks even more at the mercy of the recent course and distance winner, STRANDS OF GOLD, who impressed at the last meeting

£50,000 lure for jockeys

Chepstow racecourse has issued a £50,000 challenge to all jockeys – "Ride five winners in a row on any one day at Chepstow in 1986 and the jackpot is yours." Walkovers do not count, nor days with more than one two-horse race.

Sir Gordon Richards rode all six winners on one day at Chepstow in 1933 and followed up with the first five on the next day. As he had ridden the last winner at Nottingham on October 3, it gave him the winners of 12 consecutive races – a world record that still stands.

Peter Scudamore, who would have been close with four winners in one day just over a month ago, commented: "This is fantastic. I reckon jockeys will be lining up to get rides at Chepstow. We all love to race there and I'll be urging David Nicholson to send a host of runners there in 1986."

Tuck steals show on Earls Brig

Phil Tuck, whose horsemanship saved Burrough Hill Lad from disaster at Chepstow 11 days ago, performed another splendid recovery at Haydock Park yesterday afternoon to win the Tommy Whittle Chase on Hawick-trained Earls Brig.

After Wayward Lad had gone clear in the straight, Tuck improved Earls Brig's position and was close behind at the last fence where this year's Gold Cup third made his only serious mistake. "He met it all wrong and he seems to be able to hit a fence and stick on," Tuck said.

Billie Hamilton, the owner-trainer, said: "We've entered him for the King George VI Chase, but would have a jockey problem with Tuck required for Burrough Hill Lad. The Rowland Meyrick Chase at Wetherby on Boxing Day is a likely alternative."

The big disappointment was the miserable performance of the Gold Cup winner, Forgive 'n' Forget, who trailed in over 30 lengths behind in third after being in contention going to the final fence. Jimmy Fitzgerald, the trainer, said: "Forgive 'n' Forget did not settle too well and they went no gallop. Also he didn't jump well and conceding 12lb to Earls Brig didn't help, but they are not excuses. He his in the King George VI at Kempton, but Kempton was always doubtful and the Rowland Meyrick Chase is more likely."

HAYDOCK PARK

Going: soft

1.0 HINDLEY GREEN NOVICE HURDLE (£1,326: 2m) (20 runners)

2	11	HONEYGROVE BANKER (CD) (Mrs J Lloyd) D McCain 4-11-7	J J O'Neill
5	2804-31	DORONICUM (D) (Ewart Eng Ltd) G Richards 6-11-0	N Doughty
13		EAST SOWN (C Murphy) Mrs M Dickinson 5-10-7	G Bradley
14		FATHER MAC (D Fretwell) Mrs M Rimell 4-10-7	G McCourt
15	r-	GUN MAN (J Soles) M Tate 4-10-7	C Smith
20	000	JO--ANDREW (Mrs M Hills) D Chapman 5-10-7	S Keightley
24		PARANG (P Walwyn) P Walwyn 4-10-7	D Browne
28		PRECIPICE WILL (Mrs M Rosenfield) A W Jones 4-10-7	R Earnshaw
27	0p	PRETTY AMAZING (T Glendinning) D Moffatt 4-10-7	K Teelan
29	3	RAZOR SHARP (S Dobson) Mrs J Pitman 5-10-7	M Pitman 4
31	00-22	RICHARD LIONHEART (BF) (M Flynn) J FitzGerald 5-10-7	N Dwyer
33	00-0	SHOTINGO (I Jones) I Jones 5-10-7	D Tegg 7
39	0	WHITEFRIARS (A Birchall) Mrs A Hewitt 5-10-7	M Williams
41	0	C B M GIRL (R Woodhouse) R Woodhouse 4-10-2	P Tuck
42		CLASSEY (A Kaplan) J Spearing 5-10-2	P Dever
43		EXPLETIVE (Mrs J Norse) M Easby 5-10-2	A O'Hagen
44		KALUKORA (Mrs J Webster) Mrs P Rigby 7-10-2	Mrs P Rigby
45	p	RAMELTON (BF) (J Murray) Mrs C Lloyd-Jones 4-10-2	S J O'Neill
47	0/	SCHULA (J Greaves) H O'Neill 5-10-2	B Powell
48	000-	TIARKA (W Parr) Mrs J Pitman 5-10-2	B de Haan

1984: Chipped Metal 5-10-7 R Crank (15-8 fav) R Francis 13 ran.

3 Honeygrove Banker, 4 Razor Sharp, 5 East Down, 8 Richard Lionheart, 8 Parang, 10 Doronicum, 12 Father Mac, 14 others.

FORM: HONEYGROVE BANKER (11-9) beat Hopeful Mission (11-0) 6l (Haydock, 2m nov hdle, £850, good, Nov 21, 18 ran). DORONICUM (11-7) beat Gunnersmeade (10-5) 5l at Ayr (2m nov hdle, £1,327, good to soft, Nov 23, 10 ran). RAZOR SHARP (10-8) 10l 3rd to Doubleton (10-8) at Wincanton (2m nov hdle, £811, good to firm, Nov 28, 13 ran). RICHARD LIONHEART (11-2) 4l 2nd to Shiny Pilgrim (11-8) at Newcastle (2m 1f nov hdle, £892, firm, Oct 30, 11 ran).
Selection: RICHARD LIONHEART.

Haydock selections

By Mandarin

1.10 Honeygrove Banker. 1.30 Strands Of Gold. 2.0 Come On Gracie. 2.30 PEATY SANDY (nap). 3.0 Chalkies Pet. 3.30 String Player.

By Michael Seely

2.0 SEASON'S DELIGHT (nap). 2.30 Peaty Sandy.

1.30 BIRKDALE NOVICE CHASE (£2,255: 3m) (5)

2	00120-1	STRANDS OF GOLD (CD) (Independent Twine) J FitzGerald 6-11-1	M Dwyer
4	4/140-3	MACEDONIAN (Mrs T Tate) T Tate 7-10-8	R Earnshaw
5	3p	LATE CLOSING (P Luff) M Oliver 5-10-7	R Dunwoody
6	p/4-	BISHOPS BELL (Mrs C Clark) Mrs C Clark 7-10-3	Mr D Kinsella
7	0p0/	WOLD SONG (I Mason) Mrs C Clark 9-10-3	C Pimlott

1984: Cool Magic 6-10-8 Mr Thornton (10-1) F Jestin 6 ran.

1-2 Strands Of Gold, 5-2 Macedonian, 10 Bishops Bell, 14 Late Closing, 20 Wold Song.

FORM: STRANDS OF GOLD (11-0) beat Von Tappe (11-0) 1l (Haydock, 3m nov ch, £1,801, good, Nov 21, 6 ran). MACEDONIAN (11-10) 17½l 3rd to Royal Jet (12-2) at Newcastle (2m nov ch, £2,380, good, Nov 15, 13 ran). LATE CLOSING (10-12) last completed course when a distance and 30l 3rd to Lewis Eastates (10-12) at Wolverhampton (2m 4f nov ch, £1,291, firm Nov 25, 5 ran). BISHOPS BELL (11-7) 15 ½l 4th to Golden Ty (12-8) at Wetherby in novice hunter chase (3m, £1,245, heavy, Apr 8, 8 ran). WOLD SONG (11-9) 19 ½l, 5th to Stancombe Lass (11-9) at Southwell in novice hunters chase (3m, £1,173, good, Apr 9, 17 ran).
Selection: STRANDS OF GOLD.

2.0 BEECHES FARM CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,421: 2m) (15)

1	01022-0	TOGG (CD) (H Dale) H Dale 7-12-0	Susan Wilton 5
3	020911	COME ON GRACIE (M Wiley) M Pipe 4-11-5 (12 ex)	J Lower 5
4	3-11	COOL STRIKE (D) (T Knowles) D Moorhead 4-11-3	D Condell 5
6	000000-	NO FLUKE (D) (F Yardley) F Yardley 5-11-0	N Fearn 3
8	11-0	JUDY'S DOWRY (D) (Mrs V McGeough) W Wharton 4-10-12	P A Farrell
10	/0614-2	SEASON'S DELIGHT (R Broomhall) R Holder 6-10-3	A Dicks 3
11	-411/0	RECORD WING (Mrs P Long) D Haydn Jones 7-10-8	P Christopher 7
13	41/0051	CHI MAI (B) (D Hodgson) J Norton 5-10-5 (7 ex)	Sharon James 3
14	40-0143	SPOT THE PATCH (P Wilkins) Mrs S Oliver 5-10-5	Jacqui Oliver 5
17	0043p-6	PRICEOFLOVE (BF) (L Sloan) D Moffatt 5-10-0	-
18	300p0-1	PAPERACER (D) (J A D Eng Ltd) B Preece 6-10-0	P Millar 5
19	fu40	YANKEE BOND (D Pearce) H O'Neill 4-10-0	NON-RUNNER
20	pp00-00	COUNT MIDAS (A Watson) A Watson 6-10-0	P Reynolds 7
21	0p00-	STREET LEVEL (S Webb) H O'Neill 4-10-0	S McCrystal 5
23	00000/f	AVRAEAS (Mrs E Davies) R Morris 6-10-0	S McDonald 5

1984: Tot 4-10-9 D Thompson (8-1) Denys Smith 11 ran.

3 Cool Strike, 4 Season's Delight, 5 Chi Mai, 6 Come On Gracie, 8 Judy's Dowry, 10 Togg, 12 Spot The Patch, 14 Priceoflove, Record Wing, 16 others.

FORM: COME ON GRACIE (11-4) beat Ilam Dart (10-13) 2l at Devon and Exeter (2m 1f h'cap hdle, £1,475, heavy, Dec 6, 13 ran). COOL STRIKE (11-5)beat Tommy Ge (11-7) 3l at Hexham (2m nov hdle, £717, good to soft, Sep 9, 19 ran). JUDY'S DOWRY (10-0) best Campus Boy (10-2) 4l at Uttoxeter (2m h'cap hdle, £791, soft, Apr 8, 14 ran). SEASON'S DELIGHT (10-8) 1l 2nd to Bold Roderick (10-1) at Hereford (2m h'cap hdle, £2,048, good to soft, Dec 3, 22 ran). CHI MAI (10-1) 10l winner from Oryx Minor (11-2) at Southwell (2m h'cap hdle, £1,740, heavy, Dec 6, 9 ran). SPOT THE PATCH (10-10) 6l 4th to Prince Ranboro (11-6) at Warwick (2m nov h'cap hdle, £635, good, Nov 16, 23 ran).
Selection: SEASON'S DELIGHT.

2.30 RONNIE JOHNSON MEMORIAL TROPHY HANDICAP CHASE (£2,934: 3m 4f) (10)

2	021-011	PEATY SANDY (Miss H Hamilton) Miss H Hamilton 11-11-7	T G Dunn
3	131112-	MR SNUGFIT (D) (A Greenwood) M W Easterby 9-11-3	P Tuck
4	4105-22	HALLO DANDY (D) (BF) (N Shirley) G Richards 11-11-1	N Doughty
5	00323/4	YOUNG DRIVER (J Russell) J S Wilson 8-11-0	C Grant
7	p300-3f	SAM WREKIN (D) (R Thomason) J FitzGerald 7-10-4	M Dwyer
8	2002-00	HARDY LAD (BF) (Mrs J Milligan) B Wilkinson 8-10-2	A Stringer
9	43p-320	MOUNT OLIVER (D Smith) M Scudamore 7-10-2	P Scudamore
10	200-001	BIG BROWN BEAR (C) (G Barlow) G Barlow 8-10-1 (8 ex)	R Earnshaw
11	4430/33	COLONEL CHRISTY (H O'Neill) H O'Neill 10-10-0	B Powell
12	0f0p-pu	SOLIHULL SPORT (R Hitchcock) J Spearing 11-10-0	P Dever

1984: Kumbi 9-11-3 K Doolan (2-1 fav) D McCain 7 ran.

3 Peaty Sandy, 7-2 Hallo Dandy, 4 Mr Snugfit, 6 Young Driver, 8 Big Brown Bear, 10 Sam Wrekin, 12 others.

FORM: PEATY SANDY (12-0) stayed on well to beat Bush Guide (10-0) 6l with HARDY LAD (11-0) 12½l behind in 6th (Newcastle, 3m h'cap ch, £3,106, good to soft, Nov 16, 12 ran). MR SNUGFIT (10-0) 1½l 2nd to Last Suspect (10-5) in Grand National with HALLO DANDY (10-12) and SOLIHULL SPORT (10-0) both first fences fallers (Liverpool, 4m 41 h'cap ch, £54,314, good to soft, Mar 30, 40 ran). YOUNG DRIVER (10-7) 10½l 4th to Why Forget (10-7) at Kelso (3m 4f h'cap ch, £3,007, good, Nov 13, 6 ran). MOUNT OLIVER (10-6) best effort so far this season when 2½l 2nd to Kumbi (11-7) at Cheltenham (3m 4f h'cap ch, £4,417, good to firm, Nov 9, 6 ran). BIG BROWN BEAR (10-0) 6l winner from HALLO DANDY (11-10) with SOLIHULL SPORT (10-0) unseating rider at 20th (Haydock, 2m h'cap ch, £2,797, good Nov 21, 8 ran).
Selection: HALLO DANDY.

3.0 WIDNES SELLING HURDLE (£831: 2m 6f) (7)

1	000-4	BEAKER (G Lowe) M Naughton 5-10-9	D Browne
2	000f-04	CHALKIES PET (G Wilkins) D Wintle 5-10-9	A Carroll
4	402/330	LEAVE IT TO BALLY (P West) M Lambert 5-10-9	D Dutton
6	40	RYE RECORD (E Houlston) K Stone 4-10-9	Mr H Brown 7
7	0304-21	SOLAR LIGHT (B) (F Yardley) F Yardley 5-10-9	R Fearn 7
8	344244	TIPO STYLE (B) (D Ellis) P Bevan 4-10-9	G McCourt
10	pf340-3	RHYMARC (J Dewey) R Perkins 5-10-4	G Williams

1984: Randomly 6-10-5 J Duggan (2-1 fav) D Morrill 14 ran.

5-2 Chalkies Pet, 3 Beaker, 4 Leave It To Bally, 6 Tipo Style, 8 Solar Light, 10 Rye Record, 12 Rhymarc.

FORM: BEAKER (10-12) 15 ½l 4th to Doronicum (11-7) at Ayr (2m nov h'cap hdle, £1,325, good to soft, nov 23, 10 ran). CHALKIES PET (10-0) 12l 4th to Rapped Robin (11-3) at Worcester (2m 4f h'cap hdle, £2,396, good to soft, Dec 5, 19 ran). LEAVE IT TO BALLY (11-11) on penultimate start was 3l, 3rd to Tarlstrac (10-7) at Uttoxeter (2m s h'cap hdle, £559, good to firm, Oct 24, 8 ran). SOLAR LIGHT (10-12) 9 ½l, 3rd to Alangrove Sound (10-7) at Wolverhampton (2m 7f s h'cap hdle, £699, good to firm, Nov 25, 12 ran). RHYMARC (10-9) 8 ½l, 3rd to Sunny Reef (11-0) at Stratford (2m s hdle, £983, good to firm, Sept 28, 9 ran).
Selection: CHALKIES PET.

3.30 GOLBORNE NOVICE HURDLE (£1,170: 2m) (18)

4	41	STRING PLAYER (D) (F Lee) F Lee 11-0	C Hawkins
5		APRICATE (Miss C Caroe) Miss C Caroe 10-7	M Barnes
6		BARKLAKE (G Morgan) G G Morgan 10-7	S Johnson
7	00	BRONZE EFFIGY (Mrs R Hennessy) M Hennessy 10-7	S McCourt
9	0	DENSTONE WANDERER (T Caldwell) T Caldwell 10-7	P Caldwell 7
10	300	EMPIRE SANDS (B) (M Holley) B Wilkinson 10-7	M Dwyer
11	0	GET AWAY (J Joseph) R Frost 10-7	J Frost
13	0	HICKLING SQUIRES (E Thomas) W Wharton 10-7	S J O'Neill
14	fp	HUMPHREY THYME (R Knott) M Eckley 10-7	A O'Hagen
17	0	LASSELLAGH (Mrs G Rees) Ctcn J Wilson 10-7	Mrs G Rees
19	4	SENOR RAMOS (M Marshall) Rcn Thompson 10-7	Jayne Thompson 7
20		SMART IN BLACK (W Stevenson-Taylor) G Richards 10-7	D Coakley
21	f	SNOW BABU (A Mensley) D Moffatt 10-7	B Storey
22	0	TARTAN TOMAHAWK (Edinburgh Woollen Mill) G Richards 10-7	N Doughty
24		TWO COUNTIES (R Jackson) D Moorhead 10-7	D Condell 7
25	0	ABSANNE (Gp Capt P Callan) D Moorhead 10-2	C Grant
26	00	CHERRYWOOD ROSE (Mrs R Smith) H O'Neill 10-2	S McCrystal 7
28	00	SWEETWATER LASS (S Lewis) M Eckley 10-2	J J O'Neill

1984: Late Glint 11-0 J Frost (3-1) S Harris 18 ran.

5-4 String Player, 4 Senor Ramos, 5 Tartan Tomahawk, 6 Smart In Black, 8 Bronze Effigy, 10 Hickling Squires, 12 Empire Sands, 14 Absanne, 16 others.

FORM: STRING PLAYER (10-7) beat Syrinx (10-2) 8l, at Wetherby (2m nov hdle, £548, soft, Dec 7, 12 ran). BRONZE EFFIGY (10-12) 18 ½l, 5th to Sylvan Joker (10-10) at Kempton (2m nov hdle, £1,747, good to firm, Nov 21, 22 ran). EMPIRE SANDS unplaced to Commander Robert on best run, earlier (10-12) 7 ½l, 3rd to Absconder Kelso (2m nov hdle, £548, good, Oct 5, 11 ran). SENOR RAMOS (10-7) 18 ½l, 4th to Santeeadre (11-0) at Wetherby (2m nov hdle, £800, soft, Dec 7, 14 ran). TARTAN TOMAHAWK (10-7) 26 ½l, 6th of 9 to Absconder (11-2) at Ayr (2m nov hdle, £783, good to soft, Nov 23).
Selection: STRING PLAYER.

Haydock results

Going: Soft

1.0 (2m hdle): 1. ORBITAL MANOEUVERS (T Wall, 8-1); 2. Chain Of Reasoning (J Frost, 9-4 fav); 3. Swing To Me (P Leach, 17-2); 4, Dunstall (G Williams, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 15-2 Eyelight, 8 Finale Sept, 10 Wiggburn (5th), 12 Sluedate, Spoilt For Choice, 14 Solitario, 16 Mr Pongee, 20 Carlingford Lough, Go Lissava, 25 Fata Morgana, Prince Bubbly, Some Jet, 33 Ha'penny Nap, Hyde (6th), Carouser, Branksome Towers, Lisoca Paddy, Micky Fox (bd). 22 ran NR: Oryx Major. ½l, 3l, 3l, ¾l, 12l. B McMahon at Tamworth. TOTE: £11.70; £2.80, £1.10, £2.60, £2.70. DF: £8.60. CSF: £29.42. TRICAST: £183.53. No bid.

1.30 (2m 4f ch): 1. REPINGTON (C Hawkins, 4-11 fav); 2. Glencoe Stream (Mr M Thompson, 5-1); 3, Another Half (K Doolan, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 40 Hanschow (4th), 4 ran, 4l, 10l, dist, N Crump at Middleham. TOTE: £1.50. DF: £2.30. CSF: £2.59.

2.0 1. EARLS BRIG (P Tuck, 3-1); 2, Wayward Lad (G Bradley, 5-1); 3, Forgive 'n' Forget (M Dwyer, 4-7 fav). ALSO RAN: 50 Just For The Crack (ur). 4 ran, ½l, 30l. W Hamilton at Hawick. TOTE: £3.10. DF: £3.60. CSF: £13.77.

2.30 (2m 4f hdle) 1. HALF ASLEEP (P A Farrell, 11-2); 2, Sir Lucky (T Wall, 9-1); 3, Vitriolic (M Meagher, 7-2 fav). ALSO RAN: 7-2 f/t-fav Green Gorse (6th), 8 Centre Attraction (5th), 9 Eboracum, Sultan Zaman, 10 Secret Walk (4th), 16 Mr Mint, Bickerstaffe, 20 Bibilov, Crammond Brig, 25 Kilroy Manor, 50 Johnston's Baby, Kyashahoon. 15 ran. NR: Not Easy. 1½l, 8l, 2½l, 4l, W Elsey at Malton. TOTE: £4.90; £2.10, £3.40, £1.30. DF: £14.20. CSF: £57.11. TRICAST: £190.27.

3.0 (2m ch) 1, GEMGLEN (G Bradley, 3-1); 2, Polars Ladder (S Storey, 3-1). Only two finished. ALSO RAN: 8-11 fav Rivers Edge (f), 3 ran. 3l. J Old at Bristol. TOTE: £2.70. DF: £3.40. CSF: £8.90.

3.30 (2m 4f hdle) 1, VINO FESTA (Dr Williams, 5-1); 2, Granville Park (G Bradley, 16-1); 3, Border Rambler (P Tuck, 9-4). ALSO RAN: 2 fav Artful Charley, 7 Water Cannon (5th), 12 Indian Range, 16 Moocy Girl (6th), 20 Go Anna Go, 25 Gone With The Vez, 33 City Entertainer, Harley (4th), Rorke's Drift (ro), Springvale Bid, Zulu Dawn. NR: Dad's Gamble, Another Norfolk. 14 ran. ½l, 4l, 5l, 5l, 8l. R Hannas at Farlington. TOTE: £8.10; £1.70, £2.60, £2.60. DF: £17.80. CSF: £13.09.

4.0 (2m 4f ch) 1. FASTER STILL (A Webber, 11-10 fav); 2, Country Agent (G Mernagh, 8-1); 3, Waterhead (S McCourt, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Amrullah (f), 13 Master Vince (f), 7 Jimminy Quickit (5th), 8 Fell Climb (4th), 16 Knock Cross (f), 33 Dan Dare, Royal Revenge (ur), Scottish Highway (6th). 11 ran. 4l, 2l, 30l, hd, 31½l. P Hannas at Farlington. TOTE: £3.10; £1.70, £2.60, £2.60. DF: £17.80. CSF: £13.09.

4.30 (2m 110yds ch) 1, MOUNT BOLUS (H Davies, 4-1 f/-fav); 2, The Duke (C Mann, 13-2); 3, Briglos (C Brown, 4-1 f/-fav); 4, Kevin Evans (M Pitman, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 4 f/-fav North West (6th), 6 Captain John, 9 Yes Minister, 11 Woodland View, 14 Brother Partisan, 16 Sweet Solicitor, Teyoo, 25 Knebworth Lad, Lisarda, Speed Check, 33 Gruinastorm (pu), Barnaby Rudge (5th), 16 ran. NR: Monsoon, 2l, 3l, ½l, 2l, ½l. D Oughton at Findon. TOTE: £4.00; £1.10, £2.30, £1.40, £3.70. DF: £17.30. CSF: £35.42. Tricast: £113.30.

2.15 (2m 100yd ch) 1, MACOLIVER (B de Haan, 15-2); 2, Bargill (J Duggan, 4-1); 3, Grannie's Pet (P Barton, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Kilgreggan Kim, 7 Turn Blue, Southdown Sport, 10 Prince Carbon (5th), John Brush, 20 Another Mister (6th), 25 Celcarine 4th). 10 ran. NR: Baby Donleigh, Nk, 5l, 3l, 8l, 3l. Mrs J Pitman at Lambourn. TOTE: £7.20; £2.10, £2.00, £1.50. DF: £14.80. CSF: £39.03. Tricast: £131.46.

2.45 (2m 100yds ch) 1, LANDING BOARD (C Cox, 2-1 fav); 2, Archers Prince (E Murphy, 5-1); 3, Brahma And Lisart (C Warren, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Ten Bears (f), 10 Captain Shadow, 5 ran. NR: Hopeful Answer. 2½l, 30l. P W Harris at Berkhamsted. TOTE: £1.30; £1.50, £3.50. DF: £2.50. CSF: £3.06.

3.15 2m 200yds hdle) 1, CELTIC FLAME (R Stronge, 14-1); 2, Timely Star (M Pitman, 2-1); 3, Ogden York (B de Haan, 7-2). ALSOT RAN: 7-4 fav Wishy-Fryer (f), 9 Welsh Consort, 12 Skyrange (6th), 14 Chemist Broker, 16 Gardeners Choice (4th), 20 Jack's Luck, Platinum Blond, 33 Camelia's Choice, Corn Merchant, Dark Comic, Hawthorn Jacks, Hoots Of Laughter, Long Engagement, Natota Boy, Pacey's Dream, Rymer's Son (5th), Top Pryal, Comeback (ur), Little Seavor (f). 22 ran. Sh. hd, 1l, 2l, 1l, 3l. P W Harris at Berkhamsted. TOTE: £26.90; £3.80, £1.60, £2.90. DF: £17.50. CSF: £119.63.

Placepot: £5.05.

Haydock selections

Going: Soft

1.0 (2m hdle): 1. ORBITAL MANOEUVERS (T Wall, 8-1); 2. Chain Of Reasoning (J Frost, 9-4 fav); 3. Swing To Me (P Leach, 17-2); 4, Dunstall (G Williams, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 15-2 Eyelight, 8 Finale Sept, 10 Wiggburn (5th), 12 Sluedate, Spoilt For Choice, 14 Solitario, 16 Mr Pongee, 20 Carlingford Lough, Go Lissava, 25 Fata Morgana, Prince Bubbly, Some Jet, 33 Ha'penny Nap, Hyde (6th), Carouser, Branksome Towers, Lisoca Paddy, Micky Fox (bd). 22 ran NR: Oryx Major. ½l, 3l, 3l, ¾l, 12l. B McMahon at Tamworth. TOTE: £11.70; £2.80, £1.10, £2.60, £2.70. DF: £8.60. CSF: £29.42. TRICAST: £183.53. No bid.

1.30 (2m 4f ch): 1. REPINGTON (C Hawkins, 4-11 fav); 2. Glencoe Stream (Mr M Thompson, 5-1); 3, Another Half (K Doolan, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 40 Hanschow (4th), 4 ran, 4l, 10l, dist, N Crump at Middleham. TOTE: £1.50. DF: £2.30. CSF: £2.59.

2.0 1. EARLS BRIG (P Tuck, 3-1); 2, Wayward Lad (G Bradley, 5-1); 3, Forgive 'n' Forget (M Dwyer, 4-7 fav). ALSO RAN: 50 Just For The Crack (ur). 4 ran, ½l, 30l. W Hamilton at Hawick. TOTE: £3.10. DF: £3.60. CSF: £13.77.

2.30 (2m 4f hdle) 1. HALF ASLEEP (P A Farrell, 11-2); 2, Sir Lucky (T Wall, 9-1); 3, Vitriolic (M Meagher, 7-2 f/-fav). ALSO RAN: 7-2 f/t-fav Green Gorse (6th), 8 Centre Attraction (5th), 9 Eboracum, Sultan Zaman, 10 Secret Walk (4th), 16 Mr Mint, Bickerstaffe, 20 Bibilov, Crammond Brig, 25 Kilroy Manor, 50 Johnston's Baby, Kyashahoon. 15 ran. NR: Not Easy. 1½l, 8l, 2½l, 4l, W Elsey at Malton. TOTE: £4.90; £2.10, £3.40, £1.30. DF: £14.20. CSF: £57.11. TRICAST: £190.27.

3.0 (2m ch) 1, GEMGLEN (G Bradley, 3-1); 2, Polars Ladder (S Storey, 3-1). Only two finished. ALSO RAN: 8-11 fav Rivers Edge (f), 3 ran, 3l. J Old at Bristol. TOTE: £2.70. DF: £3.40. CSF: £8.90.

3.30 (2m 4f hdle) 1, VINO FESTA (Dr Williams, 5-1); 2, Granville Park (G Bradley, 16-1); 3, Border Rambler (P Tuck, 9-4). ALSO RAN: 2 fav Artful Charley, 7 Water Cannon (5th), 12 Indian Range, 16 Moocy Girl (6th), 20 Go Anna Go, 25 Gone With The Vez, 33 City Entertainer, Harley (4th), Rorke's Drift (ro), Springvale Bid, Zulu Dawn. NR: Dad's Gamble, Another Norfolk. 14 ran, ½l, 4l, 5l, 5l, 8l. R Hannas at Farlington. TOTE: £8.10; £1.70, £2.60, £2.60. DF: £17.80. CSF: £13.09.

4.0 (2m 4f ch) 1, FASTER STILL (A Webber, 11-10 fav); 2, Country Agent (G Mernagh, 8-1); 3, Waterhead (S McCourt, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Amrullah (f), 13 Master Vince (f), 7 Jimminy Quickit (5th), 8 Fell Climb (4th), 16 Knock Cross (f), 33 Dan Dare, Royal Revenge (ur), Scottish Highway (6th). 11 ran, 4l, 2l, 30l, hd, 31½l. P Hannas at Farlington. TOTE: £3.10; £1.70, £2.60, £2.60. DF: £17.80. CSF: £13.09.

4.30 (2m 110yds ch) 1, MOUNT BOLUS (H Davies, 4-1 f/-fav); 2, The Duke (C Mann, 13-2); 3, Briglos (C Brown, 4-1 f/-fav); 4, Kevin Evans (M Pitman, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 4 f/-fav North West (6th), 6 Captain John, 9 Yes Minister, 11 Woodland View, 14 Brother Partisan, 16 Sweet Solicitor, Teyoo, 25 Knebworth Lad, Lisarda, Speed Check, 33 Gruinastorm (pu), Barnaby Rudge (5th), 16 ran. NR: Monsoon, 2l, 3l, ½l, 2l, ½l. D Oughton at Findon. TOTE: £4.00; £1.10, £2.30, £1.40, £3.70. DF: £17.30. CSF: £35.42. Tricast: £113.30.

2.15 (2m 100yd ch) 1, MAC

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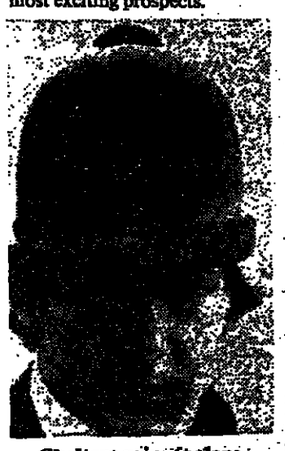
Skelton leaves options open for climb back to the top

By Jenny MacArthur

Nick Skelton will attempt to reinstate himself at the top of the European League for the Volvo World Cup at the international championships which start this evening at the Grand Hall, Olympia, sponsored by Cognac Courvoisier, Modern Alarms and Crosse & Blackwell. Skelton, who leaves his trainer, Ted Edgar, at the end of the show to start running his own yard, headed the league after winning both the New York and Toronto World Cup qualifiers on Apollo but was overtaken last weekend by John Whitaker following the latter's win on Milton at Bordeaux.

Skelton is bringing his two top horses, Apollo and St James, to Olympia – they will both stay with him when he leaves Edgar – but he is not sure yet which he will ride in Saturday afternoon's World Cup qualifier, the Modern Alarms Classic. St James has not jumped since Wembley in October and Apollo has been resting for three weeks.

Skelton faces formidable opposition from the 18 other British riders and foreign riders at the show, particularly from the three winners of recent World Cup qualifiers; Peter Charles on April Sun (Brussels), West Germany's Paul Schockemöhle on Deister (Berlin) and John Whitaker, whose Bordeaux winner, Milton, owned by the late Caroline Bradley's parents, is one of the sport's most exciting prospects.



Skelton: going it alone

Whitaker only started riding the eight-year-old, by Marius, last October. At Berlin, their first big show, they were third in the grand prix. This was followed with second place in the Brussels World Cup qualifier and last weekend's victory. Although Milton will compete at Olympia he cannot be ridden in the World Cup qualifiers because the same horse cannot compete in three qualifiers in a row. Whitaker will probably ride instead Ryan's Son, who will be having his first outing since Wembley.

Michael Whitaker will be reunited with Warren Point for the show. The nine-year-old gelding, on whom he won the European team gold medal in July, had now recovered from the skin infection he developed at Wembley. Whitaker, who rode his wife's horse Jingo, into second place in the Berlin qualifier, is lying in eight place in the European league but is keen to get some more points under his belt to make sure of a place at the final in Sweeden in April. The top 16 in the league qualify.

Ted Edgar has again asked the talented Michael Mac to ride for him this week following Mac's success on Everest G-Line at Wembley. Liz Edgar, in the absence of Everest Forever, will compete only in the smaller classes on her "pair of little crackers", the six-year-old Everest Asher and the Rapier. Geoff Luckett, the Edgars' regular rider, has a last-minute invitation to the show and, with Skelton bowing out and Mac quick to accept chance rides from the Edgars, the 27-year-old Luckett will be keen to show what he can do.

Malcolm Pyrah, David Broom, Robert and Harvey Smith are also among the British riders competing and, with and impressive foreign contingent which includes the Frenchman Pierre Durand with Jappeloup and Austria's Hugo Simon with Gladstone, his legendary partner, the £70,000 at stake during the five days will be keenly contested. The show opens with a gala performance for the Riding for Disabled and finishes on Monday evening with the Crosse & Blackwell grand prix.

Sue Mott on the downfall of Australian cricket



Greig (left) defends the new philosophy, Bradman (right) disapproves and Border is at the centre of controversy

Junk food that is choking a nation

A wicked combination of Hadlee, Pommie bastards and rebellion has inclined all Australia towards gloom. To lose a Test series against England in England is wretched, to lose to the Kiwis in Australia is a coast to coast scandal.

"It's always a national disaster when we lose", Richie Benaud, the former Australian Test captian and now a TV commentator, said: "It is probably true to say that this is the worst era Australian cricket has ever had."

So great is the slur (they have won only three of their last 19 Tests) on the boisterous Australian character that many cricket followers have been forced to mount a tactical withdrawal. Only 15,000 watched the Brisbane debacle over the five-day span when New Zealand consigned Australia to their third successive defeat by an innings.

One cry suggested refusing Richard Hadlee an entry visa next time after the New Zealand all rounder had taken his series wicket tally to 33 in the last Test at Perth. But realizing this might be counter productive to the flood of New Zealand supporters through the turnstiles, stilettos have been turned to the green-capped characters on the field instead. And, if what is wrong with Australian cricket has been asked once, it has been asked 6,996 times.

That figure comes to mind because it is the Test run total of the legendary Australian batsman, Sir Donald Bradman, who has steadfastly refused over the years to vent his feeling on the state of modern-day cricket. "It is always disappointing when Australia get beaten", the 77-year-old Australian said. "But you have to give credit to another side that played better."

That was straight-bat diplomacy but during a rare public speech this week he also said: "In my day there was no pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. I would have played quite happily for nothing. How times have changed. I love to see people with personality and character but I resent utterly the philosophy of those misguided people who think arrogance is a necessary virtue."

That may be a clue as to how the celebrated old guard of the game are reacting to the new dawn of Kerry Packer one-day internationals and colour-co-ordinated cricket balls. Bill O'Reilly, the Australian spin bowler and a contemporary of Bradman, is even more forthright.

"The result against New Zealand puts us in the boys' brigade," he said. "It is not often I have to talk apologetically like I do at the moment about Australian cricket. There are weaknesses everywhere. Our bowling is shaky, our batting deplorable and the fielding has gone to the mountains. Ho much further down we have to go I just don't know".

O'Reilly partially blames the Packerization of the game and the marketing company, PBL, with its dash of coloured uniforms and sparkle of cricket ground floodlights. The McDonalds Cup, a day-night limited overs contest between state sides, is all the rage here and its connotations of "junk food" might, in O'Reilly's view, be entirely apt.

"I consign all those things – that pyjama cricket – straight to the rubbish hap," he said. "One-day cricket is a treacherous game. It has no substance whatever. It teaches kids no lesson at all except how to be flamboyant."

Tony Greig, the former England captain disagrees. "It is rubbish to assume the techniques and skills of our Test players are affected by the one-day game. Good players can handle the slightly different approach and if Allan Border and Kepler Wessels have played a hundred one-day games I would say Gower and Lamb have played 2,000. People blame Kerry Packer for one-day cricket when they should be blaming the English establishment".

But Australian cricket has certainly not stopped at the one-day game. The present rebel tour of South Africa, it is said, has deprived the Australian Test team of any semblance of back-up strength. "There is absolutely a major lack of experience at Test match level", Benaud observed as Australia begin their Test series against India in Adelaide tomorrow with the untried Merv Hughes in the pace attack.

Gone are the days when Lillee, Marsh and Greg Chappell played in the same massively charismatic side that, according to Greig, "annihiated the world of cricket," including the England team of which he was a member, by four Tests to one in 1974-75. Charisma, character and run-making, it seems, have now been left exclusively in the gloves of Border, the captain, who recently "celebrated" one year in the unhappy office. He has offered to stand down ("Don't do it!" a nation cried).

The cricket establishment in Australia has been likened by one eminent sports ournalist to a family at war. But Greig offers one consolation: "As surely as England will go through a losing period again, it is a stone cold certainty that Australia will emerge as winners and sooner rather than later."

BADMINTON

Modest Yates gives Dane a surprise

From Richard Eaton, Tokyo

England's No 2, Nick Yates, underlined his status when he became his country's only winner on the first day of the Pro-Kennex world grand prix finals here yesterday.

Yates's apparent unassertiveness and modest gait can be an advantage and this may well have been the case during his 15-10, 15-7 win over a surprised Ib Frederiksen, the Dane who reached the world quarter-finals and who is currently playing well enough to be regarded as second only to the grand prix title holder, Morten Frost, in his own country. Yates, from Lee Green, in Kent, played patiently and undemonstratively for the first quarter of an hour and until 11-10 there was little in it. But after that the big man from Jutland began to flag a little.

Another Londoner, Steve Baddeley, the English national champion, was beaten. The seedings say he should reach the semi-finals, but after dysentery and, in the last two weeks, influenza, this has become increasingly unlikely. He lost 10-15, 15-1, 10-15 to Sze Yu, the Australian who won the Scottish Open last month, and he must now overcome Lius Pongoh, of Indonesia, and Torben Carlsen, of Denmark, to qualify.

England's other No 1, Helen Troke, was also beaten 5-11, 11-12, by the world runner-up – although sporadically she played well enough to induce a feeling that she might have secured the best win of her career had she not reacted impulsively to a delay at 5-4 in the first game.

The European champion from Southampton complained that the shuttles were too fast, and the Japanese umpire, Joshio Wantanabe, apparently misunderstood the instruction by the English tournament referee, Ciro Ciniglio, that she be allowed to test them. "I was fed up with waiting all day". Miss Troke said, and promptly lost nine points in succession.

Frost began more promisingly. Despite his recent attack of mild pneumonia, he comfortably overcame Japan's Hiroshi Nishiyama.

MEN: Group A: Hastomo Arbi (Indo) bt D Hall (Engl, 15–2, 15–6, M Frost (Den) bt H Nishiyama (Jap), 15–2, 15–3 Group B: L Pongoh (Indo) bt T Carlsen (Den), 15–9, 15–11; S Yu (Aus) bt S Baddeley (Eng), 15–10, 1–15, 15–10 Group C: N Yates (Eng) bt I Frederiksen (Den), 15–10, 15–7, Yang Yang (China) bt M Sidek (Malaysia), 15–8, 15–18, 15–6 Group D: M Kjeldsen (Den) bt S Butler (Engl, 17–14, 15–7; Han Jian (China) bt S Matsuura (Jap), 15–8, 15–3

WOMEN: Group A: Li Lingwei (China) bt D Julien (Can), 11–4, 11–9. Group B: Wu Jianqiu (China) bt H Troke (Eng), 11–5, 12–11. Group C: Zheng Yuli (China) bt G Gowers (Eng), 11–5, 11–4 Group D: Han Aiping (China) bt K Jinnai (Jap), 11–1, 11–7.

Waiting for the return of the big springers

By Conrad Voss Bark

FISHING

It has been a good salmon season. We hinted at the reason earlier this year. Exceptionally heavy summer rain meant high water, in many cases flood water, at times when rivers are usually showing their bones. This made the salmon run and restricted the nets.

The result was notable. On the Floors beats of the Tweed they were taking fish in August, which has not been done for a very long time. Everyone was forecasting a superb autumn run. The forecasters ought to have known better. By the end of October the skies began to dry up, the river fell, and though there were many fish there they were old residents and uninterested in the fly. Even so, not a bad season. At times very good.

The same story from almost everywhere. The river report on the Oykel in the *Trout and Salmon* magazine gives figures. For the whole season 838 salmon were taken compared with only 487 in 1984.

Before we begin to cheer, remember that these were exceptional conditions. July, August and September saw heavy catches because of the high water. Next year may be different. What we want now is a return of the big springers to rivers which have hardly seen any of them for years.

According to a scientific study of the relationship between sea temperatures and salmon runs (J.H.A. Martin, Marine Laboratory, Aberdeen, and K.A. Mitchell, *Pitlochry*), lower sea temperatures increase the number of returning grilse and reduce the number of bigger fish. This confirms earlier findings by A.F. George.

In other words we are unlikely to get many big salmon, particularly big springers, until the sub-Arctic and Arctic seas warm up again. Then, of course, if that is so, and if that happens, we shall have to make sure they are not all taken before they get back home.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

RUGBY LEAGUE
FIRST DIVISION: Widnes v York (7.30).

BASKETBALL
NATIONAL CUP: (Women) Quarter-final: Nottingham Wildcats v Polycell Kingston (7.30)
BRITISH MASTERS: Rhondda v Birmingham Bullets (8.0)

OTHER SPORT
TENNIS: Maureen Connolly Tournament, GB v USA 21-and-under (Queen's Club, 2.0 and 5.0)
BADMINTON: England under-23 v Denmark under-23 (Huddersfield SC)
BOXING: RAF v Metropolitan Police (Royal Lancaster Hotel, London)
RACKETS: Celestion British Amateur Singles Championship (Queen's Club)
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AMBROSE On 9th December at the Queen Mother's Hospital, Glasgow to Pat and Tim, a daughter Fiona Caroline Alison, a sister for Catriona.

BOUNDY. – On December 10, at St John's, Chelmsford, to Kim and John – a son (Joshua Nathan Adam), a brother for Sam.

CHESSHYRE – On 9 December, 1985 at The University Hospital, Nottingham to Mary (nee Worth) and John – a son, Thomas. Francis a brother for Joseph.

CLAUSEN-THUE – On December 5, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Alison (nee Farrar) and David, a son, Philip Graham.

CORK. On December 11th to Michele (nee Villiers) and Roger – a daughter, Katie Marie, Poplars, County Lane, Codsall Wood, Staffs.

DE RIVAZ – on December 7, to Rosalind (nee Clark) and Anthony, a daughter, Catherine Louise Chevalley), a sister for Alexander.

GOWTHORPE. To Brian and Catherine (née Stonefield) of Mellor, Lancs, a daughter, Laura Kate, born 9th December 1985.

KRAMER. – To Lisa and Bernard – a daughter, on December 9.

MONTIER – On 7th December, to Ann (nee Vroom) and Dominique, a son (Charles) a brother for Alexandra, Caroline and Emily.

MOSESSON – On December 9 1985, at the West Suffolk Hospital, to Georgia (née Mandel) and Anders, a daughter, Alexia Gabrielle, a sister for Poppy and Chloe.

NEEDHAM – On December 11th at home in London, to Lucy (nee Buchnell) and Nicholas, a son, Robert, a brother for Nathaniel.

NIBLETT On December 9th at The John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford to Angela (née Bell-Walker) and David – a daughter Cathleen Elizabeth.

REISSCH – On 10th December to Janine (née Dawson) and Hardy – a daughter, Elise Jasmin Manager.

RICHMOND-WATSON – On December 10, to Penelope (née Cadbury) and Colin, a daughter, Emma Jayne.

SILVER – On December 8th, 1985, to Lucy (née Cohen) and Jonathan, a son, Maximillian George, a brother for Leo.

TIMMS – On December 7 to Gillian (nee Jones) and Michael a daughter Genevieve Margaretta Jacqueline a sister for Gregory, Felicity and Madeleine.

WILKINSON – On November 30 at Louise Margaret Maternity Hospital to Sue (née Dobbie) & Brian – a daughter, Sophie Kristina, a sister for Gemma.

BIRTHDAYS

MARY EVANS – Congratulations on your 21st birthday. Love from Mum & Pop, David, Louise, Simon and Jane.

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DEATHS

ARMSTRONG – on December 11, 1985 at Camberley, Charles Douglas CB, DSO, MC, Brigadier (late East Surrey Regiment) husband of Sylvia and father of Jacqueline, Judy, Jeremy and Jane. Funeral service at All Memorial service to be announced at a later date. Please no letters.

BARRACLOUGH – Ethel on 10th December at Spitonden Hospital. Wife of the late Henry Barraclough CVO, and mother of Geoffrey and David. Private cremation.

BROOKHOLDING, JONES. – On December 8th, Adrian Hugh, fortified by the Rites of holy church. Requiem, The Little Oratory, Brompton Road, on Monday, 16th December, 1985, at 10.30am. Flowers to: E. B. Ashton & Co. 96 Fulham Road, SW3.

BURLING—On December 5th, Dennis Charles, beloved husband of Ann and beloved father of Matthew, Thomas and Harriet. Funeral service at All Saints Church, Woodham, Woking on Friday 13th at 2pm. Followed by Private Burial. Family flowers only; if desired, donations to London Association for the Blind, 14-16 Verney Rd. London SE16 3DZ.

CRAWFORD – At Stirling Royal Infirmary on Tuesday, 10th December, 1985. William George Crawford MBE, Bsc, MIEE, MIEEE, 34 North Street, Cambuslang, Glasgow. Dearly loved husband of Phyllis, much loved father of Robert Lawrence and Elizabeth and a loving Grandfather. Funeral service Falkirk Crematorium on Friday 13th December at 2.30 pm to which all friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please donations if so desired to Cancer research.

DAVIES – on Saturday, December 7, 1985, Eric Reginald St Aubrey Davies, MBE, formerly a member of the Colonial Administrative Service in Kenya and subsequently Government Secretary of the Isle of Man. Husband of Celia (previously Lisette who died in 1953) father of John, Elizabeth and Judith. Requiem mass at St Matthew's Church, North Quay, Douglas, Isle of Man, at 11.30 on Friday, December 13, followed by interment at Santon Cemetery. Floral tributes to R. E. Moore & Son, 57 Circular Road, Douglas, Isle of Man.

DE BLASY. – Tempest-Radford. On December 7 1985, after a fall. George Tempest, captain retired late of the Leinster Regiment, R.A. 86th years. Much loved husband of Joanne, father of Jenny and Hugh, grandfather of Madeleine, Charlotte, Thomas and Oliver and great grandfather of Alexander and Leonora.

DIXON – Malcolm F.C.D., F.R.S., Emeritus Professor of Enzyme Biochemistry and Honorary Fellow of King's College, Cambridge. Peacefully at his home, Parkside, Cambridge, on Saturday, December 7, aged 86 years. Funeral service at the Round Church, Cambridge, on Tuesday, December 17, at 2.30pm. Enquiries to Harry Williams & Sons. Tel: Cambridge 354480.

ELLIOTT—On December 10th 1985. Peacefully, Dr Robert Irwin Keith Elliot D.M. Oxon. F.R.C.P. Path. The beloved husband of Dorothy and loving father and grandfather. Funeral service at the Downs Crematorium, Brighton today Thursday 12th at 4pm. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired for the Imperial Cancer Research Fund may be sent c.o.w. A. Stringer & Son, 12 Kensington Gardens, Brighton.

HICKMAN, William Westwood, of Clavering, Shropshire, peacefully on December 9th, 1985, aged 83 years. Dearest husband of Olive, loved father of Rosemary and Margaret and grandfather of Jonathan and Richard. Funeral on Friday December 13th, 3pm at All Saints Church, Clavering. No flowers please, donations if desired to Imperial Cancer Research Fund, Lincolns Inn Fields, London WC2A 3PX.

D'LOGHLEN On 8th December Helena, aged 82, requiem mass at Church of Holy Family, Sanderstead on Wednesday 18th December at 10 am. followed by cremation at the Croydon crematorium family flowers only please.

PAINE. On 7th December 1985, at home, Claude Howard Paine. Much loved husband of Nell, father of John and grandfather of Michael, Stephen and Jeremy. Funeral at Lydd Parish Church at 11 am on 16th December. Flowers if wished to Hamilton & Johns, 1 Dymchurch Road, Hythe, or donations to Lydd Parish Church.

POMIAN. – On 10th December, Jean, née Turnbull, beloved wife of John. Funeral on 17th December, at 10.30am at St Mary's Catholic Church, Cadogan Street, SW3. Donations to charity suggested in lieu of flowers.

ROBINSON – Thomas Percy, peacefully on 6th December at Holtbrow nursing home.

RUNES – In Chelmsford, Joseph, aged 76, after a long illness courageously fought. The family in America announce the passing of their dear brother, brother-in-law, uncle, grand-uncle and cousin.

SMITH – On December 11th, Father Henry Damian aged 78 years. Monk of Douai Abbey. Funeral at Douai Abbey on Monday 16th December at 12 noon.

THOMPSON On Monday December 9th 1985. Henry Reynolds F.R.S., dearly loved by his wife Doreen his sons David, Rodney and Andrew, his daughters in law Wendy, Maureen and Sheila and his grandchildren. Family funeral A service of thanksgiving to be arranged at a later date. Enquiries Radlett 2832.

TUFTON. – Suddenly at home on December 6, Joyce, beloved wife of Francis, mother of Josephine and Edward and grandmother of John, in her 74th year. Funeral private. Family flowers only. Donations to Action Research for the Crippled Child, 30 The Spearmores, Baldock, Herts. Memorial service to be announced later.

TURNER. – On December 10 at Salisbury Hospital, Brian Francis, aged 75, formerly of Hampstead, Chairman of the Baltic Exchange 1968-1971. Much loved husband of Lee, Penny and Alice and father of Lee, Penny and Christine and grandfather. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Christian Aid, Inter Church House, 35 Lower Marsh, London SE1 7RT.

WADDAMS – Joanna Lisebeth (nee Willemsen), beloved mother and grandmother, of Balcombe, Somerset, on December 6th 1985 suddenly while travelling to Barbados. Funeral at St Mary The Virgin, Balcombe, December 16th, 2.30pm.

WALTON—On December 9th 1985, peacefully in the Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton, Maude Rosina (Jack), much loved and now sorely missed by her brother, three sisters and many nieces and nephew. Funeral Private.

WEIGHTMAN—On 10th October, at 13 Wrech Road, London. NW6, in her 71st year, Doreen, wife of John, mother of Jane and Gavin, grandmother of Lucy and Ben Weightman, and of Simon, James and Rosamund Harris. Cremation Private.

WOTHERSPOON – On December 2 1985, Charles Iain, Ballaghennie Cottage, Braa, Isle of Man. At his own request, he has been cremated privately with no fuss or ceremony. He was grateful to many friends for all their kindness and wishes them well.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

DASHWOOD – A memorial service for the Dowager Lady (Susan) Dashwood, will be held at St Mary the Virgin, Kirtlington, Oxon, on Saturday December 14 1985 at 11.30am.

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BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax AM.

6.50 Breakfast Time with Selina Scott and Mike Smith. Weather at 6.55, 7.25, 7.55, 8.25 and 8.55; regional news, weather and travel at 6.57, 7.27, 7.57 and 8.27; national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 7.20 and 8.20; and a review of the morning newspapers at 8.37. Plus, Zoe Brown's teenage report; Glynn Christian with a festive recipe; and Richard Smith's 'phone-in medical advice.'

9.20 Ceefax. 10.30 Play School presented by Carol Leader. The guest is Fred Harris (r) 10.50 Ceefax.

12.30 News After Noon with Richard Whitmore and Moira Stuart, includes news headlines with subtitles. 12.55 Regional news. The weather details come from Ian McCaskill.

1.00 Pebble Mill at One includes a report from Paul Cola in New York where he interviews the mayor, Ed Koch; watches Alistair Cooke recording Letter from America; dances at Visage, a trendy disco; and visits a cable music station – MTV. 1.45 Hokey Cokey. A See-Saw programme for the very young with Chloe Ashcroft and Don Spencer (r). 2.00 Ceefax. 3.52 Regional news.

3.55 T.T.V. Tea Time Television for the young. 4.10 Godzilla and the Time Dragons (r). 4.30 Ulysses 31. Animated science fiction series.

4.55 John Craven's Newsround. 5.05 Blue Peter. Janet Ellis is in Lanarkshire driving a motorway paving train. With this enormous piece of machinery, which is capable of spraying, spreading, compacting and finishing motorway surfaces all in one go, Janet laid 10 miles of the M74 which, when finished, will connect Carlisle with Glasgow (Ceefax).

5.35 Masterteam.

6.00 News with Sue Lawley and Andrew Harvey. Weather.

6.35 London Plus.

7.00 Top of the Pops presented by Gary Davies and Janice Long.

7.30 EastEnders. The Fowlers' preparations for Lou's return from hospital hit a snag; over at the Queen Vic, thoughts of profit from a Christmas fiddle helps to take Den's mind off the damage to his car. (Ceefax).

8.00 Tomorrow's World includes a report from Judith Hann on a new hydraulic lock that the British Waterways Board are introducing on all their canals. But not all waterway enthusiasts are happy with the development. A Yorkshire group are planning to take the BWB to court to prevent them from replacing oak paddles on a listed lock.

8.30 A Question of Sport. The regular team captains, Bill Beaumont and Emlyn Hughes, are joined by Patrick Tambay, Ian Woosnam, Wendy Sly and Mike Gatting. David Coleman is the questionmaster. (Ceefax).

9.00 News with Julia Somerville and John Humphrys. Weather.

9.25 Crimewatch UK presented by Nick Ross and Sue Cook. This edition hopes to jog viewers' memories about a murder near Leeds and robberies in Norfolk in which silver was stolen, and in Cheshire during which the victims' pets were slaughtered.

10.05 Just Good Friends. Penny, worried about the possibility of being pregnant, has the problem of a dinner with Vince's parents. Starring Jan Francis and Paul Nicholas (r). (Ceefax).

10.35 Question Time from London's Greenwood Theatre. Sir Robin Day's panel consists of David Astor, Angela Rumbold, Auberon Waugh and Valerie Wise.

11.35 Crimewatch Update. A round-up of news received in the 90 minutes since Crimewatch gave details of three unusually nasty incidents.

11.45 Weather.

TV-am

6.15 Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.17, 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; exercises at 6.20; sport at 6.35 and 7.34; regional report at 7.15; cartoon at 7.24; pop video at 7.55; Elaine Lipworth's reunions at 8.17; an interview with Joyce Ditzer, who runs a drug rehabilitation centre, at 8.34; and Claire Rayner at 9.12.

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9.25 Thames news headlines followed by Fabulous Funnies. Cartoon (r). 9.50 Wild, Wild World of Animals. A profile of the elusive bobcat. 10.15 Muhammad Ali Goes East. A documentary about the former boxer's goodwill tour of Bangladesh (r).

11.00 Just Pals. A story of two young persons' transition from children to adolescence. 11.50 Cartoon Time. A Tiger's Tail (r). 12.00 The Giddy Game Show. Jokes and puzzles presented by Bernard Bresslaw, Bill Fraser and Redvers Kyle. 12.10 Puddle Lane. Puppet series with Neil Innes.

12.30 The Sullivans.

1.00 News at One with Leonard Parkin 1.20 Thames news presented by Robin Houston 1.30 Falcon Crest. Jane Wyman stars as the matriarch of a Californian wine family 2.25 Home Cookery Club. The recipe for Gateau Supreme.

2.30 Daytime. Sarah Kennedy chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject 3.00 I Know a Secret. A young girl is desperate to know a secret in order that she be accepted by other children (r) 3.25 Thames news headlines 3.30 Sons and Daughters.

4.00 The Giddy Game Show. A repeat of the programme shown at noon 4.10 Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends (r) 4.20 Scooby Doo. Cartoon series. 4.45 Murphy's Mob. Serial about the members of a football team's supporters club.

5.15 Thames Sport presented by Brian Moore. Kevin Keegan previews Sunday's World Cup draw and predicts the players who will be the stars of '86. Plus items on boxing and skating.

5.45 News with Michael Nicholson.

6.00 Thames news.

6.25 Help! Viv Taylor Gee with news of Parents Anonymous, a confidential 24-hour telephone service set up to help parents who are having difficulty in bringing up their children.

6.35 Crossroads. Paul Ross turns up unannounced.

7.00 Emmerdale Farm. Stolen money leads Harry Mowlen into trouble while Sandie is haunted by what she has seen.

7.30 Give Us a Clue. Celebrity mime game presented by Michael Parkinson. This week Una Stubbs and Lionel Blair are joined by Leslie Ash, Michael Barrymore, Melvyn Hayes, Barry Howard, Ruth Madoc and Adrienne Posta.

8.00 The Benny Hill Show. Highlights from the comedian's earlier series.

8.30 Micky Spillane's Mike Hammer: Dead Man's Run. Mike Hammer investigates the murder of a friend by a terrorist, despite Interpol's insistance that the terrorist is dead.

9.30 TV Eye: The Men Who Molest Children. The first of a two-part report on the problem of the sexual abuse of children, through the eyes of the men who are responsible and the experts who have to deal with them.

10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Sandy Gall. Weather followed by Thames news headlines.

10.30 Snooker. The conclusion of the first semifinal in the Hofmeister World Doubles.

12.15 Night Thoughts.



Ian Holm in Singleton's Pluck, Channel 4, 9.30 pm

● SINGLETON'S PLUCK (Channel 4 9.30pm) first surfaced last year as *Laughterhouse*, a daft and misleading title which has sensibly been changed to give the piece a better chance in overseas markets. The first film of the director, Richard Eyre, since his much-discussed *The Ploughman's Lunch*, it acknowledges two powerful cinematic influences. One is the Ealing comedy, with its affectionate view of national eccentricities and feeling for English place and character. The other, more surprisingly, is the old John Wayne Western, *Red River*, and its story of an heroic cattle drive. Drawing on each, the writer, Brian Glover, has fashioned a delightfully dotty tale of an East Anglian farmer down on his uppers who decides that the only way to fend off bankruptcy is to walk his 500 geese to market in London in time for Christmas. Like *John Wayne, Singleton (Ian Holm)* is beset with hazards along the way, including a stampede; unlike Big John he pulls in the television cameras and becomes a running story for the media. Pursuing the *Red River* analogy, the wisecracking Walter Brennan finds a splendid modern counterpart in Bill Owen; and there other good performances from Richard Hope as a rustic Montgomery Clift and Stephanie Tague as Singleton's teenage daughter. As *Laughterhouse*, the film made little impact in the cinema despite enthusiastic endorsement from critics including our own David Robinson. Perhaps it is a subject better suited to the intimacies of the small screen. Certainly it deserves the widest exposure.

● THE NUREMBERG EGG, the Afternoon Play on Radio 4 (3pm), has Martin Jarvis as a reporter with a cracking good story on his hands. Interviewing a famous actress (Googie Withers) after her performance in Ibsen's *Ghosts*, he stumbles upon ghosts of another kind: of her past in Germany during the Second World War and of a Nazi war criminal, long presumed dead, who makes a mysterious reappearance in a photograph. The writer, Roger Davenport (who is Googie Withers's son-in-law), has produced a quick moving thriller, though with only an hour at his disposal, plotting tends to take precedence over character.

Peter Waymark

CHOICE

BBC 2

9.00 Ceefax.

5.25 News Summary with subtitles. Weather.

5.30 The Journey. Playwright Peter Terson and reporter Dennis Skillicorn continue their journey by gypsy wagon along the old pilgrims' route from Winchester to Canterbury. On this seventh leg of their travels they visit a village fete where Toby, their donkey, takes part in a 'derby'; they themselves try a sophisticated form of horsedrawn carriage; and at the end of the day cross the county borders into Kent where they spend the night in Chevening. (First shown on BBC South.)

6.00 Star Trek. Captain Kirk and the crew of the USS Enterprise land on the planet Iotia to find that the inhabitants have taken to heart a book on the Chicago gangs of the Thirties left by a previous mission and have now split up into warring factions. Can Kirk and his men tame the latter day Al Capones? (r).

6.50 Floyd on Fish. Keith Floyd has lunch in the Somerset levels where an expert explains the delights of pike and salmon (First shown on BBC South West).

7.20 Brazil, Brazil. This third of four films on the South American country spotlights the poor north east of the country which is devastated by regular cycles of drought. The area, which it supports its 35 million population, suffers from the highest levels of unemployment, malnutrition and infant mortality. The film examines the causes and the effects of the area's underdevelopment; and the role of the Roman Catholic Church in a campaign for land reform. Among those interviewed are the governor of the state of Ceara, the Archbishop of Ceara, and Brian Holmes, an Irish priest who works in the area.

8.10 The Honky Tonk Professor. Dick Hayman, a leading jazz pianist and composer, illustrates piano styles through the ages.

9.00 Play: The Gender Gap, by Richard Waring and Geraldine Murphy. A comedy about a male chauvinist barrister, with two marriages behind him, who cannot understand why he does not get on with women. Into his life walks Emma who distrusts men but needs a barrister and a job. Starring Francis Mattews, Judy Parfitt and Helen Cherry.

9.30 40 Minutes: Our Man in Shanghai. A profile of Trevor Mound, our man in Shanghai, and an insight into the Chinese diplomatic round.

10.10 Black Silk: Conspiracy of Silence. When a man is killed by a hit and run driver outside a pub nobody seems to be too eager to take any action until the man's brother threatens the landlord with a petrol bomb. He is arrested and things look bleak until Larry Scott has a brainwave.

11.00 Newsnight. The latest national and international news including extended coverage of one of the main stories of the day.

11.45 Weather.

CHANNEL 4

2.30 Snooker. The first semifinal of the Hofmeister World Doubles.

4.30 Countdown. This afternoon finds the number one seed, Clive Freedman from Newcastle being challenged by Gary Franks, the number eight seed from Ilford.

5.00 Film: Don't Take It to Heart" (1944) starring Richard Greene and Patricia Medina. Comedy about a young lawyer who, while sifting through some old manuscripts at a stately home, unwittingly releases a ghost. Directed by Jeffrey Dell.

6.40 Book Bargain." A documentary, made in 1937, about how the London Telephone Directory is produced. Directed by Norman McLaren.

6.45 Musical Paintbox: Sketches of Scotland. An animated film made by David Hand, setting Scottish stories to traditional Scottish songs.

7.00 Channel Four news with Alastair Burnet and Sandy Gall includes the second of a series of reports from Jane Corbin in Mexico. Tonight she examines the effects of the Mexican government's policy of urbanization.

7.50 Comment. With her views on a topical matter is literary critic Jacqueline Rose. Weather.

8.00 Jancis Robinson's Christmas Wine List. The result of a three-day wine-tasting in an Oxfordshire hotel – the best buys from some 500 bottles on offer from off-licence chains and supermarkets, including party wines for under £2.50 a bottle, and a comparison of the inexpensive supermarket champagnes with those from famous houses. Repeated next Thursday.

8.30 Cloudwalker. Another documentary in the exciting Assignment Adventure series. Tonight's film follows three intrepid rock and ice climbers, Jeff Lowe, Mark Wilford and Jim Bridwell. Lowe is filmed climbing spectacular rock in Colorado and then, with his two companions, the first ascent of the north-east face of the notorious Moose's Tooth, a 5,000 foot wall of rock and ice in the central Alaskan range. Filmed by Bob Carmichael, a leading American mountaineering cameraman.

9.30 Film on Four: Singleton's Pluck (1984) starring Ian Holm, Penelope Wilton and Bill Owen. First released as Laughterhouse and a joint winner of the Television film section of the Venice Film Festival, it is a story of an East Anglian farmer's efforts to walk his 500 geese to Smithfield Market after a series of disasters seem to threaten his livelihood and his marriage. Directed by Richard Eyre (see Choice).

11.15 Tongues of Fire. Karen Armstrong in conversation with Peter Levi, a former Jesuit, now Professor of Poetry at Oxford.

11.40 Scotland Yard" The police investigate the case of a women's dismembered body retrieved from the Thames. Introduced by Edgar Lustgarten. Ends at 12.10.

Radio 4

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5.55 Shipping Forecast. 6.00 News Briefing. Weather.

6.10 Farming Today

6.25 Prayer for the Day

6.30 Today 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News Summary. 6.45 Business News. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.25, 8.25 Thought for the Day. 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament. 8.57 Weather, Travel.

9.00 News.

9.05 The Living World. The private life of the reedwarbler; migrating robins; and more about badger 1980 (r).

9.35 In Business (r).

10.00 News; Medicine Now.

10.30 Morning Story: 'False Alarm' by Nesta Tuomey. Reader: Margaret D'Arcy

10.45 An Act of Worship †

11.00 News; Travel; You'll Never be 16 Again (r).

11.48 No Laughing Matter! Margaret Horsfield meets the unrhythmic for whom life can be fraught with difficulties.

12.00 News; You and Yours presented by John Howard.

12.27 My Music. Steve Race chairs the musical panel game with John Amis, Frank Muir, Ian Wallace and Denis Norden †. 12.55 Weather

1.00 The World at One: News.

1.40 The Archers (r). 1.55 Shipping Forecast.

2.00 News; Woman's Hour. Why do boys denigrate girl schoolmates?

3.00 News; The Afternoon Play: The Nuremberg Egg by Roger Davenport. Reporter Patrick Weaver (Martin Jarvis) is put on the scent of a scoop by a chance photograph taken outside a London theatre. But although the story is 40 years old, its ramifications threaten the career of a contemporary leading lady (see Choice).†

4.00 News.

4.05 Bookshelf. Hunter Davies meets the original Alice at the British Museum.

4.35 Kaleidoscope (r).

5.00 PM: News Magazine. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather.

6.00 The Six O'Clock News; Financial Report.

6.30 Michael Parkinson celebrates his enthusiasms with the help of the BBC Sound Archives (r).

7.00 News.

7.05 The Archers.

7.20 Any Answers?

7.40 Books that Changed the World. Edwin Chadwick's Report on the Sanitary Conditions of the Labouring Population of Great Britain.

8.10 Spain – Ten Years On. The Cultural Revolution.

8.40 Profile. The Minister for the Arts, Richard Luce.

9.00 Does He Take Sugar? Magazine for disabled listeners and families.

9.30 Glyn Worsnip links recording from the BBC Sound Archives.

9.45 Kaleidoscope. Christopher Bigsby presents the arts magazine, which includes a review of *On The Edge*.

10.15 A Book at Bedtime: 'The Aloe' by Katherine Mansfield (4). Reader: Kika Markam. 10.29 Weather.

10.30 The World Tonight.

11.15 The Financial World Tonight.

11.30 Today in Parliament. 12.10–12.15 News; Weather. 12.33 Shipping Forecast.

VHF (available in England and S Wales only) as above except: 5.55–6.00 am Weather; Travel. 11.00–12.00 For Schools. 11.00 Listening to Music 1. 11.20 Saint-Saens. 11.40 Encore une etare. 1.55–3.00 pm For Schools: 1.55 Listening Corner. 2.00 Deutsches Magazin. 2.15 Essen. 2.30 Books, Plays, Poems. 5.50–5.55 PM (continued). 12.30–1.10 am Schools Night-Time Broadcasting: Horizons de France. 12.30 (4a) Restons francais-sil 'on peut'! 12.50 (4b) Les Tsiganes et leur musique.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News.

7.05 Morning Concert. Mozart's Overture: Lucio Silla (Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields); Boyce's Symphony No 6 (Bournemouth Sinfonietta); Marais's La sonnerie de St Genevieve du Mont de Paris (Musica Antiqua Cologne); Bruch's Ave Maria (mono) (Joan Hammond, soprano); Reger's Ballet Suite, Op 130 (Bavarian RSO).† 8.00 News.

8.05 Morning concert contd: Wren's Serenade for Strings (Stockholm Sinfonietta); Purcell's Incidental music: The Rival Sisters (Judith Nelson, soprano; Martyn Hill, tenor; Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields). Ernesto Nazarth's Odeon: Apanhi-te, Cacaquinho; Fon-Fon (Arthur Moreira Lima, piano); Saint-Saen's Cello Concerto No 1, in A minor, Op 33 (Lynn Harrell/Cleveland Orchestra).† 9.00 News.

9.05 This Week's Composer. Benjamin Britten . . . Of Innocence and Experience, Hymn to St Cecilia, Op 27 (London Symphony Chorus); Songs and Proverbs of William Blake, Op 74 (Britten, piano); A Time There Was, Op 90: Suite of English folk tunes.†

10.00 Russian Orchestral Music. Tchaikovsky's The Storm, Op 76 (Frankfurt RSO); Rimsky-Korsakov's Sadko; Op 5 (Rotterdam PO); Mussorgsky's A Night on the Bare Mountain (original version, Chicago SO).†

10.40 Music for Bassoon and Piano. Robert Codd and Martin Jones play Hindemith's Sonata and Antonin Reicha's Sonata in B flat.†

11.10 Bournemouth Sinfonietta. Haydn's Symphony No 83 (The Hen) and Robin Holloway's Ballad for Harp and Orchestra (Osian Ellis).†

11.55 Six Continents. Radio broadcasts monitored by the BBC (r).

12.15 Bournemouth Sinfonietta. Butterworth's The Banks of Green Willow and Mendelssohn's Symphony No 1, Op 11.†

1.00 News.

1.05 Birmingham Lunchtime Concert. John Bingham (piano) and the Medici String Quartet with the first performance of Alan Bush's Piano Quintet and Chopin's Nocturne in C sharp minor, Op 27 No 1; Ballade No 4, in F minor, Op 52.†

2.00 Il Matrimonio segreto. Cimarosa's opera produced at Sadler's Wells in 1983 in Italian. Libretto by Giovanni Bertati after *The Clandestine Marriage* by George Colman. A convoluted story of secret and arranged marriages, misunderstood and misplaced affections and broken contracts. (Carlos Feller, baritone; Barbara Daniels, soprano; Georgina Resick, soprano; David Keuelber, tenor; Marta Szirmay, contralto; Claudio Nicolai, baritone.) (London Classical Players, with Jennifer Ward Clarke, cello and Hilary Griffiths, harpsichord).†

3.20 Poetry Now. Poems by Anna Adams, Shirley Bell, Tony Curtis, Rodney Pybus, Lucian Stryk and George Szirtes (r).

3.40 Il Matrimonio Segreto. Act 2.†

4.55 News.

5.00 Mainly for Pleasure presented by Graham Fawcett.†

6.30 Bandstand: Point of Ayr Colliery Band play Robert Farnon's A Sailor's Life and Geoff Richards's Oceans.†

7.00 Bach on Record: The Orchestral Suites. Suite No 3, in D (BWV 1068). (Busch Chamber Players directed by Adolf Busch, violin).

7.30 Mozart: BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra play 'Serenade in G (Eine kleine Nachtmusik, K 525) and Clarinet Concerto in A (K 622) (Jack Brymer).†

8.20 Drawing and the People. First of three extracts from the Journals and Letters of Octavia Hill (1838-1912), compiled and read by Margaret Wolfit.

8.40 Mozart. Symphony No 40 (K 550) played by the BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra.†

9.15 Poetry 85: Prize winners in the national poetry competition.

10.00 Music in Our Time: Luciano Berio conducts the London Sinfonietta in Requies; Corale, Folk Songs; Voci. (Carlo Chiarappa, violin; Aldo Bennici, viola). Concert given this evening at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, London).†

11.30 Flor Peeters: Concerto for organ and piano, Op 74. (Simon Lindley, organ and Keith Swallow, piano) (r).† 11.57–12.00 News.

Radio 2

News on the hour.

4.00am Colin Berry.† 6.00 Ray Moore.† 8.05 Ken Bruce.† 10.30 Jimmy Young.† 1.05pm David Jacobs.† 2.00 Gloria Hunniford. As part of Radio 2's birthday tribute to Frank Sinatra, Gloria telephones his daughter Nancy.† 3.30 Music all the Way.† 4.00 David Hamilton.† 6.00 John Dunn.† 8.00 Wally Whyton introduces Country Club, featuring George Jones and Lacey J. Dalton in concert.† 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 Another Digence Indulgence. Songs and humour from the East-End lad Richard Digance, with guests Terry Morrison and The Kipper Family. 10.30 Star Sound Extra. Roy Picard reviews new film books. 11.00 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight († from midnight). 1.00am Bill Rennells presents Nightride.† 3.00–4.00 A Little Night Music†.

Radio 1

6.00am Adrian John. 7.30 Mike Read. 9.30 Simon Bates. 12.30pm Newsbeat (Ian Parkinson). 12.45 Gary Davies. 3.00 Steve Wright. 5.30 Newsbeat (Ian Parkinson). 5.45 Bruno Brookes. 7.30 Janice Long. 10.00–12.00 Andy Kershaw.† VHF Radios 1 and 2: 4.00am As Radio 2. 10.00pm As Radio 1. 12.00–4.00am As Radio 2.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk. 7.00 News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 7.30 Sing Gospel. 7.45 Network UK. 8.00 News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 Country Style. 8.30 John Peel. 9.00 News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 Monitor. 10.00 News. 10.01 Hubert Gregg Remembers. 10.30 Frank Muir Goes Into . . . 11.00 News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 New Ideas. 11.25 A Letter from England. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Top Twenty. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 News. 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 1.30 Network UK. 1.45 Brotherhood of Brass. 2.00 Outlook. 2.45 The Best of Folk. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 The Pleasure's Yours. 4.00 News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Assignment. 4.45 The World Today. 5.00 News. 5.09 A Letter From England. 5.15 Meridian. 6.00 News. 6.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 9.15 A Jolly Good Show. 10.00 News. 10.09 The World Today. 10.25 A Letter From England. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Merchant Navy Programme. 11.30 Nature Notebook. 11.40 The Farming World. 12.00 News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Music Now. 1.00 News. 1.01 Outlook. 1.30 Brotherhood of Brass. 1.45 Book Choice. 1.50 In The Meantime. 2.00 News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Development '85. 2.30 Beethoven and the Violin. 3.00 News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 Business Matters. 4.00 Newsdesk. 4.30 Country Style. 5.45 This World Today.

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REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

ANGLIA As London except: 9.25 am Sesame Street. 10.25 Cartoon. 10.40 Muhammad Ali Goes East. 11.30–12.00 Judi Goes on Holiday. 1.20 pm–1.30 News. 3.00–3.30 Short Story. 5.15–5.45 Blockbusters. 6.00–6.35 About Anglia. 7.00–7.30 Benson. 12.15 am Thursday Topic. Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: starts: 9.25 North East News. 9.30 Sesame Street. 10.30 The World of James Michener. 11.15 A Christmas Story. 11.35 British Candid Camera. 1.20 North East News and Lookaround. 1.30 Man in a Suitcase. 3.00 The New Squadronaires. 3.25 North East News. 5.15 Blockbusters. 6.00 Northern Life. 8.00 Falcon Crest. 9.00 The Benny Hill Show. 12.15 An Object Lesson. 12.20 Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 9.25am Sesame Street. 10.25 Fireball XL5. 10.50 Mumbly. 11.10 3-2-1 Contact. 11.40–12.00 Kum Kum. 1.20pm Lunchtime. 1.30–2.30 Champions. 3.00 Wild Heritage. 3.30–4.00 Survival of the Fittest. 5.15–5.45 Blockbusters. 6.00 Good Evening, Ulster. 6.25 Police Six. 6.35–7.00 Crossroads. 8.00 Magnum. 9.00–9.30 Benny Hill Show. 10.30 Counterpoint. 11.00 Snooker. 12.15am News. Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 9.25am Unicorn Tales. 9.55 Gulliver. 10.15 European Folk Tales. 10.25 Longest Row. 11.20 Foo Foo. 11.30–12.00 Moviemakers. 12.30pm–1.00 Calendar Lunchtime Live. 1.20 Calendar. 1.30–2.30 Carson's Law. 3.00–3.30 Recollections. 5.15–5.45 Blockbusters. 6.00–6.35 Calendar. 8.00 Magnum. 9.00–9.30 Benny Hill Show. 12.15am Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: starts 9.25am First Thing. 9.30 Sesame Street. 10.25 BFA Short. 10.35 Orphans of the Wild. 11.05–12.00 Shackleton . . End of an Era. 1.20pm News. 1.30–2.30 The Baron. 3.00–3.30 Nothing but the Best. 5.15–5.45 Blockbusters. 6.00–6.35 North Tonight. 7.00–7.30 All Kinds of Country. 12.15am News. Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 9.25 am Sesame Street. 10.25 Lancaster. 11.15 Snowchildren. 11.35–12.00 Just Our Luck. 1.20 pm News. 1.30–2.30 Man in a Suitcase. 3.00 Better Half. 3.30–4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15–5.45 Blockbusters. 6.00–6.35 Lookaround. 8.00 Magnum. 9.00–9.30 Benny Hill Show. 12.15 am News. Closedown.

S4C Starts 1.00pm Countdown. 1.30 Alice. 2.00 Ffalabalam. 2.15 Interval. 2.30 Snooker. 4.30 World of Animation. 4.50 Hanner Awr Fwy. 5.30 Looking into Paintings. 6.00 Brookside. 6.30 Dibendraw. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Bwrhwn Bro. 8.30 Dinas. 9.05 Hill Street Blues. 10.00 This Land of England. 11.00 National Theatre of Brant's Messiah. 12.00 Mighty Moments from . . . 12.00am Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 9.25am Once Upon a Time. . .Man. 9.50 Little Rascals." 10.05 Royal Jordan. 10.30–12.00 Film: Your Money or Your Wife." 12.25pm European Folk Tales. 12.40–1.00 Contact. 1.20 News. 1.30–2.30 Man in a Suitcase. 3.00–3.30 Recollections. 5.15–5.45 Blockbusters. 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25–7.00 News. 8.00 Falcon Crest. 9.00 Benny Hill Show. 12.15am Closedown.

TSW As London except: 9.25 am Sesame Street. 10.25 Short Story. 10.50 Fireball XL5. 11.15 Foo Foo. 11.30–12.00 Intruders. 1.20 pm News. 1.30–2.30 Carson's Law. 3.00–3.30 Candid Camera. 5.15 Gus Honeybun. 5.20–5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30–7.00 Gardens for All. 8.30–9.30 Kojak. 12.15 am Postscript. Closedown.

SCOTTISH As London except: 9.25 am Sesame Street. 10.25 Struggle Beneath the Sea. 10.50 BFA Short. 11.05–12.00 Tarzan. 1.20 pm News. 1.30 Bodyline. 1.35–2.30 Love Boat. 3.00 Candid Camera. 3.30–4.00 Freetime Special. 5.15–5.45 Blockbusters. 6.00–6.35 News and Scotland Today. 7.00–7.30 Mr Smith. 8.00 Falcon Crest. 9.00–9.30 Benny Hill. 10.30 Crime Desk. 10.35 Snooker. 12.15 am Late Call, Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 9.25am Guinness Book of Records II. 10.15 Tarzan. 11.00–12.00 Sesame Street. 1.20pm News. 1.30–2.25 Country Practice. 3.00 That's Hollywood. 3.25 News. 3.30–4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15–5.45 Blockbusters. 6.00 This is Your Right 6.05 Crossroads. 6.30–7.00 Granada Reports. 8.00 Magnum. 9.00–9.30 Benny Hill Show. 12.15am Closedown.

TVS As London except: 9.30 Sesame Street. 10.30 Film: It's That Man Again. " (Tommy Handley) 11.50–12.00 Cartoon. 1.20pm News. 1.30 Home Cookery. 1.35–2.30 Falcon Crest. 3.00 Stretch Hunter. 3.30–4.00 Cross Wits. 5.15–5.45 Blockbusters. 6.00–6.35 Coast to Coast. 12.15am Company. Closedown.

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Congress backs 5-year plan to cut budget deficit

From Michael Binyon, Washington

Congressional leaders yesterday approved a five-year strategy to pare back federal budgets so that the awesome $200 billion (£137 billion) deficit is reduced to nothing by 1991.

With only days to go before adjournment, Senate and House negotiators finally agreed at a late-night session on the so-called Gramm-Rudman balanced budget plan. This mandates cutbacks in all spending programmes except those helping the poor and will reduce the defence budget this year alone by an estimated $10 billion.

President Reagan, despite deep misgivings, has promised to sign the legislation into law, but has insisted that he will continue fighting for his massive military build-up.

Without passage of the Bill, the federal Government would have run out of money by midnight today.

The plan began almost as an afterthought. After bitter and fruitless argument throughout the summer on next year's budget, Congress had reached an impasse in its half-hearted attempts to halt the inexorable rise in spending. Democrats would not countenance any cuts in social security, the Republicans would not cut defence spending and the Resident refused flatly to raise taxes to make up the shortfall.

The deficit crept ever higher, reaping a grim toll on American industry as the flood of imports swept in on the inflated dollar and engulfed manufacturing communities throughout the contry. Western statesmen and economists clamoured for action.

It was then that two Republican Senators, Mr Phil Gramm and Mr Warren Rudman, proposed their amendment, to which Senator Ernest Hollings, a Democrat, added his name.

Mr Reagan initially opposed the plan because it threatens his defence build-up, while making a rise in taxes almost inevitable. Assured, however, that defence cuts will come in the purchase o ships, tanks, planes and weapons and not in his cherished Sstrategic Defence Initiative, he finally welcomed the compromise.

Meanwhile, the House of Representatives, in a serious setback to President Reagan, voted not to debate a sweeping tax reform Bill, thus making it unlikely that there will be a vote on the President's cherished reform plans this year.

Canaletto 'copy' sells for record £528,000

A painting thought by its owners to be a worthless copy was sold for £528,000 at Sotheby's yesterday (Huon Mallalieu writes). In fact it was a fine early Venetian view by Canaletto, and the copy is in the Royal Collection at Windsor.

The painting shows the entrance to the Grand Canal, with the Salute and the Bacino. It was discovered in the Glasgow suburb of Milngavie by a Sotheby's representative, Mr Anthony Weld Forester, among the effects of the late Mr W. A. Shand, a local businessman.

Mr Weld Forester, a specialist in the Victorian period with no formal art training, did not immediately recognize the painting as an original Canaletto, but he thought that the quality was good enough to send a photograph to London.

It is his second Old Master discovery in Scotland this year, the first being a Guido Reni, which was sold for £2.2 million in April.

Yesterday's sale was to an American collector bidding by telephone. The highest previous price for a Canaletto was £435,000, paid in New York last year.

The view of the Grand Canal, which had been lost to scholarly view since the eighteenth century, is in very good condition, although the varnish on the surface has yellowed over the years.

From the angle of the sunlight, the painting is apparently intended to represent a time a little after dawn on what seems to be an overcast day.

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Chain stores join South African boycott

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multinational companies pull out of his country. Their investment had been assisted by black South Africans, who regarded plants and facilities as partly their own.

● Threat to jobs: At least 120,000 British jobs would be jeopardized if the Government agreed to full scale economic sanctions against South Africa, Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secreatry said yesterday (Richard Evans writes).

But he gave the firmest indications to the Commons Foreign Affairs Committee that the Government would not impose new measures against Pretoria, even if the imminent Commonwealth initiative to South Africa proves unsuccessful.

"I do not see any reason for us to change our own view on the counter-productive nature of an economic and financial boycott" Sir Geoffrey told MPs.

● Assisting dialogue: This morning six wise men and one wise woman will gather at the Commonwealth Secretariat in London to consider ways in which the Commonwealth can assist the process black-white dialogue in South Africa (Nicholas Ashford writes).

The seven are members of the "group of eminent persons" which the recent Commonwealth summit in Nassau decided to set up as part of a three-point plan intended to promote the establishment of a non-racial and representative government in South Africa.

It will be the first time the seven have met as a group. Over the following three days they will discuss how they will carry out their mission in a way that enables them to meet all representative black leaders

● The group is being jointly led by Mr Malcom Fraser, former Australian Prime Minister, and General Olusegun Obasanjo, a former president of Nigeria.

Other members are Lord Barber, a former British Chancellor of the Exchequer; Dame Nita Barrow from Barbados, a president of the World Council of Churches; Mr John Malecela, a former Tanzanian Foreign Minister; Mr Swaran Singh, former Indian Foreign Minister; and Archbishop Edward Scott, Anglican Primate of Canada.

Loyalists breach security



RUC officers retreating yesterday after loyalist protesters broke through the gates at Maryfield, home of the conference secretariat; and (below) security fencing around Stormont.



Strasbourg invitation for Gorbachov

Strasbourg – Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, will be invited to address the European Parliament when its Socialist Group visits Moscow next week, according to sources in the delegation (Richard Owen writes).

The visit is seen as a further step in Mr Gorbachov's campaign to open up contacts between the Soviet bloc and West Europe.

The Soviet Ambassador in Brussels yesterday formally invited the Socialist Group – the biggest political grouping at Strasbourg – to go to Moscow as guests of the Supreme Soviet.

This apparently marks the first time that the Soviet Union has recognized the existence of the European Parliament.

Oil prices put more pressure on pound

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do not see much to support sterling."

Mr Alan Pain, foreign exchange manager with the National Westminster Bank in London, said: "The skids are under the pound at the moment. It is difficult to say at what level it will find support."

The pound dropped to a low for the day of $1.4065, before picking up slightly as central banks, led by the West German Bundesbank, sold dollars.

The intervention against the dollar was not heavy by the standards of the foreign exchange markets. It totalled about $200 million, and included sales of dollars by the New York Federal Reserve Bank, the Bank of France and, to a small extent, the Bank of England.

The intervention was prompted, not by the pound's sharp fall, but by signs of a dollar rise against the mark. The dollar sales succeeded in bringing back the dollar from DM2.56 to DM2.54, and pushed the pound backabove $1.41.

Treasury sources made it clear yesterday that the Government is not pursuing a policy of allowing the pound to fall in line with oil prices.

The pound's fall this week has brought it to the level against the European currencies where entry to the exchange rate mechanism of the European Monetary System may be appropriate. EMS entry would cushion the pound from selling pressures, but it would also put the EMS under very considerable strain.

Several billions of pounds worth of British exports to the 13 countries who make up the (Opec) are under threat following a suggestion made by Iran that the oil producers' cartel should use their high imports as a weapon in the next round of the oil price war.

● British Aerospace shares closed 14p down at 441p last night on reports that Saudi Arabia was having second thoughts about its £4 billion defence agreement with Britain.

Sir Austin Pearce, chairman of British Aerospace, said last night: "The City has got it wrong; it has over-reacted to a situation it does not understand".

Kenneth Fleet, page 21

DPP asks for Lloyd's confidential transcripts

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Davison, chief executive of Lloyd's, said yesterday that Lloyd's was prepared to release to the Director of Public Prosecutions its transcripts of internal disciplinary proceedings relating to the Peter Cameron-Webb and Alexander Howden syndicates."

"Mr Davison's approach contrasts well and sharply with what Lloyd's chairman, Mr Peter Miller, was saying only days ago."

● The Director of Public Prosecutions yesterday confirmed that he had asked Lloyd's of London to hand over the confidential transcripts of evidence at the heart of two major Lloyd's scandals which are reputed to involve a £70 million fraud.

Lloyd's had maintained up until Tuesday of this week that these transcripts were confidential and could not be released to outsiders. Mr Ian Hay Davison, Chief Executive of Lloyd's, however, said on Tuesday that Lloyd's now regarded itself obliged in the public interest to release the transcripts, if the DPP asked for them.

Accountants Deloitte Haskins and Sells yesterday denied reports that the firm had not cooperated fully with the authorities' investigations into the affairs of the Alexander Howden syndicate. Mr Tony Shearer of Deloitte said that "the authorities are fully aware of all the documents in our possession". He would not, however, confirm that the authorities had actually seen all the documents.

● Mr Sedgemore's allegations in the Commons against various Lloyds managing agents have brought a strong response from R. W. Sturge and Co, one of those agents named as possibly being touched by scandal (Alison Edie writes).

Mr Peter Rawlings, managing director of R. W. Sturge, yesterday wrote to Mr Sedgemore asking him to withdraw all references to Sturge in his Commons motion or "failing your being prepared to do so I suggest you take the honourable course of repeating such statements outside the privilege of the house, whereupon we will immediately institute proceedings for defamation and the appropriate injunction."

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

The Queen holds an investiture, Buckingham Palace, 11; and later attends a reception at the Guildhall to mark the 190th anniversary of Norwood Child Care, 6.30.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother visits the Messel Rosse exhibition of fans at the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge, 11.30; and later attends a reception given by the Royal Warrant Holders Association, Distillers' House, St James's Sq, 6.30.

The Prince of Wales, Patron, the Abbeyfield Society, attends a gala performance of *The Marriage of Figaro* in aid of the society, Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, 6.55.

The Princess of Wales attends the annual Livery banquet of the Fan Makers' Company, Mansion House, EC4, 7.30.

The Duchess of Kent, as President, attends the congregation of awards ceremony at Evening Opera, Royal Northern College of Music, 124 Oxford Road, Manchester, 12.25.

Princess Michael of Kent attends a gala charity performance of the Olympia International Show Jumping Championship, Olympia, 6.45.

Exhibitions in progress

Victorian and Edwardian ball dresses; Harris Museum and Art Gallery, Market Square, Preston; Mon to Sat 10 to 5 (ends Jan 4).

Masterpieces of Reality: paintings from British collections; Leicestershire Museums and Art Gallery, New Walk, Leicester; Mon to Sat 10 to 5.30, Sun 2 to 5.30, closed Fri (ends Feb 2).

Expressions of Tranquillity – work by Verina Warren, Jon Middlemiss, Helen Williams, Jane Hamlyn and Sarah Burnett; Yew Tree Gallery, The Sq, Ellastone, Ashbourne, Derbyshire; Tues to Sun 11 to 5.30 (ends Dec 18).

Images of China 1908 to 1912 photographs by Henry Laver, Pitt Rivers Museum, South Parks Rd, Oxford; Mon to Sat 2 to 4.

Hartnell: Clothes by the Royal Couturier 1930s – 1960s; Museum of Costume, Bennett St, Bath; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 11 to 5, (ends Feb).

William Stukeley, 18th century antiquary; Wiltshire Archaeological and Natural History Society, The Museum, 41 Long St, Devizes; Tues to Sat 11 to 1 and 2 to 4, (ends Dec 21).

Sculpture by Andy Goldsworthy; Paintings by Caroline Bagenal; Contemporary trends in glass; Wood engravings by Kathleen Lindsley; Abbot Hall Art Gallery, Kirkland, Kendal, Cumbria; Mon to Fri 10.30 to 5.30, Sat and Sun 2 to 5 (ends Dec 22).

Personal Choice – a celebration of twentieth century photography; Royal Albert Memorial Museum, Queen St, Exeter; Tues to Sat 10 to 5.30 (ends Jan 4).

The World of Mary Ellen Best; York City Art Gallery, Exhibition Sq; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2.30 to 5 (ends Jan 26).

The Christmas Story: paintings, prints and drawings from the National Gallery's collection; National Gallery of Scotland, The Mound, Princes St, Edinburgh; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 (ends Jan 5).

Music

Concert by the Hull Choral Union Orchestra: Sing Noel; City Hall, Hull, 7.30.

Concert by the Baroque Chamber Orchestra; Holywell Music Room, Oxford, 7.30.

Student carol service; Chapel, Glasgow University, 2.30.

Simon Langton Boys' School Carol service, 2.30; Kent College carol service, 7.30; Canterbury Cathedral.

King's School Senior carol service; Rochester Cathedral, 6.

St Swithin's School carol service; Winchester Cathedral, 3.

Christmas carols sung by the Grosvenor School Choir; Central Library, Belfast, 6.30.

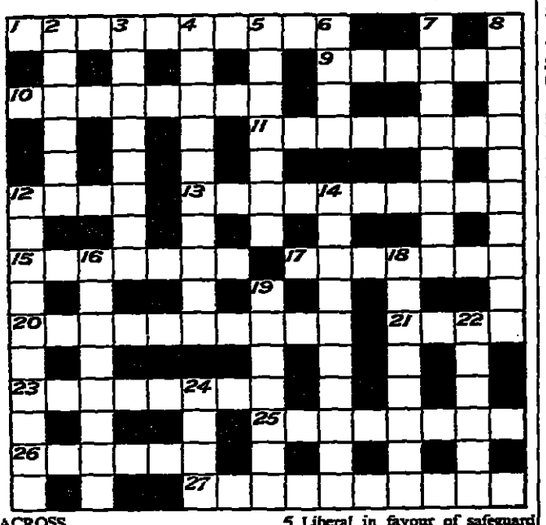
Piano recital by John Clegg; Lancaster University, 7.30.

Bach tercentenary concert; Birmingham and Midland Institute, Margaret St, Birmingham, 1.

Concert by the Tapiola Choir; Music Hall, The Assembly Rooms, Edinburgh, 7.30.

Concert by the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra; Birmingham Town Hall, 7.30.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,918



ACROSS

1 Make this occur with piano medley, Amalthea's Horn (10).
9 Very nice to drop lines here . . . (6).
10 . . . whence came this one to take the lead to win his fair reward (8).
11 Parting word to passenger with a clean bill of health (8).
12 For each one a fairy (4).
13 Playing-card appears to stick to the table (10).
15 One enters during school period in the mean time (7).
17 In turn a pi sort of anti-Royalist (7).
20 Painter, without a lot of trouble, kept in tune with the spirit (10).
21 The long story of a fuel return (4).
23 Hung about like Keats's knight at arms (8).
25 Plant man with leaders of British order and Celtic chief's heir (8).
26 Shade of female votary outside a church (6).
27 What a sweet old man! (5-5).

DOWN

2 Colour of South African flower (6).
3 Perhaps even so I'd fall headlong (4-4).
4 Idea to give one a start in life (10).
5 Liberal in favour of safeguard for circuit (7).
6 A very incomplete state (4).
7 Former Channel Islands partner for Maskelyne (2-6).
8 The beauty of Italy grows somewhat deadly (10).
12 Directly aimed as defined by 2 in two words (5-5).
14 Eastern figure seen over the line or counter (10).
16 End of circuit for the new tramline (8).
18 I subscribe to one article about northern status symbols (8).
19 Wordy orator under pressure from the piper (7).
22 What 19 did, like a Great War casualty (6).
24 Regrets a tricky, if sound, manoeuvre (4).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,917

CONCISE CROSSWORD PAGE 10

New books – paperback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:

FICTION
A Late Divorce, by A B Yehoshua, translated by Hillel Halkin (Abacus, £3.95)
Five Rehearsals, by Susanna Johnston (Abacus, £2.50)
The Cook, by Harry Kressing (Black Swan, £3.95)
The Hammer of Gold, by Alan Scholefield (Sphere, £1.95)
The Twelfth Juror, by B M Gill (Coronet, £1.95)

NON-FICTION
God and the Poets, by David Daiches (Oxford, £7.95)
Plays: One, by Michael Frayn (Methuen, £2.95)
The Expansion of International Society, edited by Hedley Bull and Adam Watson (Oxford, £12.50)
The Magic Wheel, An Anthology of Fishing in Literature, edited by David Profumo and Graham Swift (Picador, £4.95)
Tony Hancock "Artiste", A Tony Hancock Companion, by Roger Wilmut, preface by Harry Secombe (Methuen, £5.95) PH

Roads

The Midlands: M5: Contraflow between junctions 2 (A4123 Dudley and Birmingham W) and 3 (A456 Halesowen and Birmingham W). M5: Widening work between junctions 4 (A38 Bromsgrove) and 5 (A38 Droitwich); lanes closed both way; only one lane northbound and no northbound access at junction 5; expect long delays; 50mph speed limit. A34: Major roadworks in Stratford town centre and at Alderminster, S of the town.

Wales and West: M4: Lane restrictions and contraflow between junctions 22 and 24 (Chepstow to Newport), Gwent. A30: Temporary lights at various locations between Lifton and Okehampton, Devon. A499: Roadworks on the Caernarfon to Pwllheli road between Llanwnda and Glynllifon, Gwynedd.

The North: M6: Work on central reservation between junctions 32 and 33, Lancs. M180: Contraflow between junction 3 and 4, Scunthorpe, Humberside. A19: Major roadworks at Mount Grace Bank, NE of Northallerton; Contraflow between junctions of A648 and A172.

Scotland: A74: Inside land closed southbound at Soneyburn Bridge, S of Crawford, Lanarkshire. Perth: Gas board work in Gowrie St, Bridgend, at junction with Perry Bridge; peak hour delays. A899: Northbound carriageway closed between Cousland interchange and Houston interchange, Livingstone, W Lothian.

Information supplied by the AA.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Debate on motion to approve the Chancellor's autumn statement.

Lords (3.0): Animals (Scientific Procedures) Bill, committee.

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.14	2.00
Austria Sch	26.35	24.85
Belgium Fr	76.40	72.60
Canada $	2.045	1.955
Denmark Kr	13.53	12.83
Finland Mkk	8.12	7.73
France Fr	11.37	10.82
Germany DM	3.72	3.54
Greece Dr	290.00	260.00
Hong Kong $	11.55	10.85
Ireland Pt	1.21	1.15
Italy Lire	2540.00	2410.00
Japan Yen	302.00	286.00
Netherlands Gld	4.185	3.955
Norway Kr	11.31	10.75
Portugal Esc	239.00	225.00
South Africa Rd	4.10	2.85
Spain Pta	229.00	217.00
Sweden Kr	11.38	10.84
Switzerland Fr	3.125	2.983
USA $	1.48	1.41
Yugoslavia Dar	570.00	490.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

Retail Price Index: 377.1.

London: The FT Index closed down 12.0 at 1103.7.

The papers

"The courts have acted where the politicians have failed in devising a new and stringent penal code for sex molesters and rapists," says The Star. Commenting on damages awarded to two women rape victims on Tuesday, the paper says: "The way is now open for victims of such vile assaults to sue their perverted attackers – hopefully for far more substantial sums than were awarded in the high court this week." It adds: "The judge was also right to dismiss the claim that the insurance company should pay the victims' damages. That would have opened a proper hornet's nest of legal technicalities, and done no service to the people who really matter – the innocent victims."

The Daily Express, commenting on the "appalling" child abuse figures released by the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children yesterday, says: "It is a sad commentary of the West's moral decay that, after a century of compulsory education and with steadily rising living standards, there should be such a terrible litany of cruelty in the home." It adds: "Responsibility must be placed firmly on the guilty ones – parents and guardians who mistreat their children. They must pay such a price in prison terms as will send a shiver of fear and apprehension through the brutal and thoughtless." The paper says: "Deterrence works. The vulnerable and innocent deserve maximum protection. That is the least we can do for our children."

Anniversaries

Births: William Lloyd Garrison, abolitionist, Newburyport, Massachusetts, 1805; Gustave Flaubert, Rouen, 1821; Edvard Munch, painter, Loten, Norway, 1863.

Deaths: Albrecht von Haller, biologist, Bern, 1777; Sir Marc Isambard Brunel, civil engineer, builder of the Thames Tunnel, London, 1849; Robert Browning, Venice, 1889; Douglas Fairbanks, Santa Monica, California, 1939; Tallulah Bankhead, actress, New York City, 1968.

Falklands mail

Saturday, December 14, is the latest recommended date for sending Christmas greetings to HM Forces in the South Atlantic via the special free aerogramme service. The Forces aerogrammes, available on request at post offices, can be posted free of charge provided they are addressed to BFPOs 603, 655, 666 and HM ships in the South Atlantic.

Tower Bridge

Tower Bridge will be lifted today at approximately 2.30 pm, and then again at 3.10 pm.

Portfolio

Portfolio – how to play

Monday–Saturday record your daily Portfolio total.

Add these together to determine your weekly Portfolio total.

If your total matches the published weekly dividend figure you have won outright or a share of the prize money stated for that week, and must claim your prize as instructed below.

How to claim

Telephone The Times Portfolio claims line 0254-53272 between 10.00 am and 3.30 pm, on the day your overall total matches The Times Portfolio Dividend. No claims can be accepted outside these hours.

You must have your card with you when you telephone.

If you are unable to telephone someone else can claim on your behalf but they must have your card and call The Times Portfolio claims line between the stipulated times.

No responsibility can be accepted for failure to contact the claims office for any reason within the stated hours.

The above instructions are applicable to both daily and weekly dividend claims.

● Some Times Portfolio cards include minor misprints in the instructions on the reverse side. These cards are not invalidated.

● The wording of Rules 2 and 3 has been expanded from earlier versions for clarification purposes. The Game itself is not affected and will continue to be played in exactly the same way as before.

Weather forecast

A frontal trough will move N over N districts with a mild SW airstream becoming established over Britain

6am to midnight

London, SE, central S, E England, East Anglia, Midlands, Channel Islands: Rather cloudy, mainly dry, some bright intervals; wind SW, light or moderate; max temp 10C (50F).

SW England, Wales: Rather cloudy, a little drizzle at times, hill fog; winds SW, moderate or fresh; max temp 11C (52F).

NW, central N, NE England, Lake District, Isle of Man: Rain or drizzle at times, some bright intervals; winds SW, fresh; max temp 10C (50F).

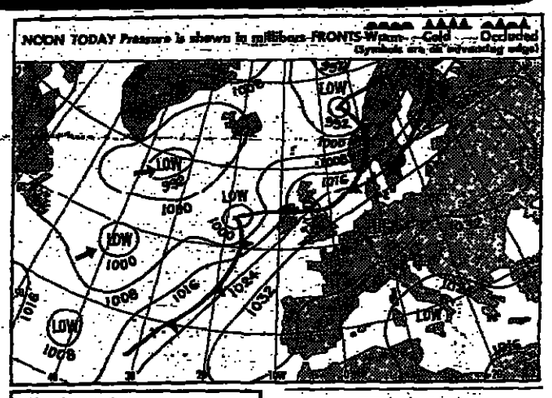
Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow: Rain clearing, sunny intervals, more rain in evening; winds SW, fresh or strong; max temp 10C (50F).

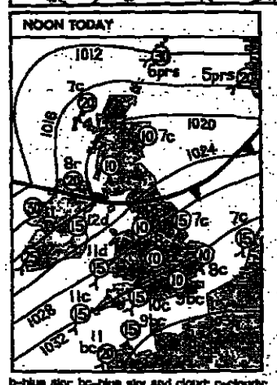
Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE, NW Scotland, Argyll, Orkney, Shetland: Sunny intervals, scattered showers, more general rain in evening; winds SW, fresh or strong, perhaps gale in exposed places; max temp 9C (48F).

Northern Ireland: Sunny intervals, becoming cloudy with rain or drizzle; winds SW, moderate or fresh; max temp 10C (50F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday: Staying mild with rain or drizzle at times, especially in the N and W.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea, Strait of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind SW moderate becoming fresh later; occasional drizzle; visibility moderate; sea slight becoming moderate later. St George's Channel: Wind SW fresh increasing strong; rain later; visibility mainly good becoming moderate or poor; sea moderate becoming rough. Irish Sea: Wind SW fresh increasing strong or gale; rain at times; visibility moderate or poor; sea moderate becoming very rough.





b-blue sky; bc-blue sky and cloud; c-cloudy; o-overcast; f-fog; d-drizzle; fr-hail; m-mist; r-rain; s-snow; th-thunderstorm; p-showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled. Temperatures centigrade.

Sun rises: 7.57 am Sun sets: 3.52 pm
Moon rises: 8.56 am Moon sets: 3.48 pm
New Moon: 12.54 am.

Lighting-up time

London 4.22 pm to 7.28 am
Bristol 4.31 pm to 7.37 am
Edinburgh 4.08 pm to 8.06 am
Manchester 4.19 pm to 7.47 am
Penzance 4.50 pm to 7.43 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; r, rain; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F		C	F
Belfast	s	5	41	Guernsey	f	9	48
Birmingham	c	8	46	Inverness	f	7	45
Blackpool	fg	5	41	Jersey	s	7	45
Bristol	c	10	50	London	c	9	48
Cardiff	c	9	48	Manchester	c	7	45
Edinburgh	f	6	43	Newcastle	s	5	41
Glasgow	f	6	43	Rosslaidawy	s	9	48

London

Yesterday: Temp: max 8 am to 6 pm, 10C (50F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 6C (43F). Humidity: 5 pm, 86 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.05in. Sun: 24hr to 8 pm, nil. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1022.4 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Isles of Scilly, 10C (55F); lowest day max: Leeming, 3C (37F); highest rainfall: Exmouth, 0.35 in; highest sunshine: Newcastle upon Tyne, 5.7hr.

High tides

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	1.24	6.9	1.41	7.0
Aberdeen	12.45	14.4	1.12	4.3
Avonmouth	7.02	13.5	7.24	13.2
Belfast	10.41	3.8	11.05	3.5
Cardiff	6.47	12.8	7.09	12.2
Devonport	5.37	5.8	6.05	5.5
Dover	10.40	6.7	11.13	6.6
Falmouth	5.07	5.4	5.35	5.3
Glasgow	12.10	4.6	12.44	4.8
Harwich	11.34	3.5	–	–
Holyhead	9.59	5.7	10.24	5.7
Hull	5.54	7.5	6.21	7.4
Ilfracombe	5.57	9.3	6.01	9.4
Leith	2.00	5.7	2.27	5.6
Liverpool	10.58	9.8	11.23	9.6
Lowestoft	9.11	2.8	9.38	2.5
Margate	11.32	4.8	–	–
Milford Haven	5.55	7.1	6.22	7.1
Newquay	4.47	7.2	5.12	7.2
Oban	5.32	4.1	5.52	4.0
Penzance	4.34	5.7	5.00	5.8
Portland	6.50	2.4	7.17	2.3
Portsmouth	11.10	4.9	11.41	4.8
Shoreham	10.50	6.4	11.21	6.3
Southampton	10.30	4.5	11.02	4.5
Stornoway	6.09	9.8	6.28	9.7
Tees	3.17	5.8	3.38	5.6
Walton-on-Naze	11.27	4.2	11.56	4.1

Tide instrument is metres: tm-1.2698ft.

Around Britain

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
EAST COAST					
Aldeburgh	–	.07	6	43	Fog
Bridlington	–	–	6	43	Dull
Cromer	–	.04	7	45	Drizzle
Lowestoft	–	–	7	45	Dull
Clacton	–	.02	7	45	Rain pm
Margate	–	–	7	45	Cloudy
SOUTH COAST					
Folkestone	–	.01	8	46	Drizzle am
Hastings	–	–	8	46	Dull
Eastbourne	–	.02	9	48	Cloudy
Brighton	–	.05	8	46	Cloudy
Worthing	–	.04	10	50	Cloudy
Littlehampton	–	.04	10	50	Cloudy
Bognor R	0.8	.05	10	50	Cloudy
Southsea	–	.06	10	50	Cloudy
Sandown	–	.06	10	50	Dull
Shanklin	0.1	.02	10	50	Cloudy
Bournemouth	–	.17	10	50	Cloudy
Poole	0.1	.20	10	50	Cloudy
Swanage	–	.21	10	50	Cloudy
Weymouth	–	.10	10	50	Dull
Exmouth	–	.35	10	50	Cloudy
Teignmouth	–	.24	11	52	Cloudy
Torquay	–	.29	11	52	Cloudy
Falmouth					
Penzance	3.8	.01	12	54	Sunny
Jersey	5.1	.03	9	48	Sunny
Guernsey	5.3	.11	10	50	Sunny
WEST COAST					
Scilly Isles	5.0	–	12	54	Sunny
Newquay	2.2	.01	13	55	Bright

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Morecambe	–	.04	10	50	Bright pm
Tiverton	4.7	.02	9	48	Sunny
Colwyn Bay	3.8	–	9	48	Sunny am
Southport	1.1	.14	7	45	Fog
Morecambe	–	.08	6	43	Fog
Douglas	3.9	.02	9	48	Cloudy pm
ENGLAND AND WALES					
London (Cen)	–	.05	10	50	Cloudy
Filton (Airp)	–	.16	9	48	Sunny
Bristol (Cen)	0.6	.26	12	54	Cloudy
Cardiff (Cen)	0.3	.07	11	52	Fog am
Abergwy	3.9	–	10	50	Sunny am
Bristol (Airp)	–	–	6	43	Fog
Manchester	1.0	.09	8	46	Cloudy
Nottingham	2.8	.16	8	46	Fog
N'cle-n-Tyne	5.7	.04	6	43	Sunny
Carlisle	4.0	–	8	46	Fog am
SCOTLAND					
Kirkwall	–	.02	5	41	Fog
Prestwick	3.0	–	8	46	Bright
Glasgow	3.2	–	9	48	Cloudy
Tiree	–	–	9	48	Cloudy
Stornoway	–	.04	10	50	Rain am
Lerwick	0.2	–	8	46	Cloudy
Wick	3.2	–	8	46	Sunny
Aviemore	4.0	–	9	48	Bright
Aberdeen	1.3	.01	6	41	Bright
Stornoway					
Edinburgh	3.6	–	8	46	Bright
NORTHERN IRELAND					
Belfast	0.6	–	7	45	Cloudy

Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder; sl, sleet.

	C	F		C	F		C	F
Ajaccio	c	13	55	Cologne	c	2	36	Rome	f	14	57
Alicante	s	20	68	Copenhagen	c	-0	32	Salzburg	c	3	37
Alexandria	f	25	77	Corfu	f	17	63	San Remo	c	12	54
Algiers	s	17	63	Dublin	r	9	48	San Sebastian	c	21	70
Amsterdam	c	2	36	Dubrovnik	f	14	57	Santiago C*	s	29	84
Athens	f	14	57	Faro	c	19	66	Sarajevo*	s	-5	23
Bahrain	s	21	70	Florence	f	10	50	Seoul*	s	-5	23
Barbados	s	30	86	Frankfurt	c	5	41	Singapore	f	31	88
Barcelona	s	16	61	Funchal	c	18	66	Stockholm	s	-11	12
Beirut	c	9	48	Geneva	f	3	37	Strasbourg	fg	0	32
Belgrade	c	6	43	Gibraltar	f	15	59	Sydney	f	23	73
Berlin	c	4	39	Helsinki	c	-2	27	Tangier			
Bermuda*	r	18	64	Hong Kong	r	17	63	Tel Aviv	s	28	79
Biarritz	r	11	52	Innsbruck	f	4	39	Tenerife	c	21	70
Bogota	c	19	66	Istanbul	c	12	54	Tokyo	s	9	48
Bordeaux	c	7	45	Jakarta	s	31	88	Toronto	f	1	34
Brussels	fg	1	34	Jo'burg*	f	27	81	Valencia	f	15	59
Budapest	c	6	43	Karachi	s	21	70	Vancouver	f	1	34
Buenos Aires*	c	21	70	Las Palmas	c	20	68	Venice	c	7	45
Cairo	s	20	68	Lisbon	d	11	52	Vienna	c	5	41
Cape Tn	s	28	73	Locarno	c	5	41	Warsaw	f	10	50
Chicago*				L Angeles*	c	18	66	Washington*	s	13	55
Colombo	c	29	84	Luxembourg	c	7	45	Wellington*			
Christchurch*	c	16	61	Madrid	c	9	48	Zurich	c	1	34

* Denotes Tuesday's figures as latest available

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GENERAL APPOINTMENTS

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Managers must take the initiative to train themselves, partly in their own time, to use office technology, says Don Yeates



We have heard a great deal about the importance of training or re-skilling the workforce to revitalize British industry, but little about the training needs of *managers*. They are, after all, being confronted with the same dramatic changes to their working environments. Take, for example, the trend towards profit centre management. Suddenly executives across a wide range of business functions have to learn not only a new way of thinking, but also how to apply complex techniques such as spreadsheet modelling and revenue-profit analysis – skills that purely cost-centre managers have never faced before.

Even more critical, in my view, is the impact of change in office technology. Some might think that the problems of Acorn, Sinclair and Control Data have signalled a let-up in the march of the business personal computer. In fact, we have yet to see its full impact. By 1988 three times as many PCs are expected to be installed in British firms as were installed in 1984.

Indeed, the rapid development of micro-mainframe links, which allow the desk-top PC to work with information drawn directly from corporate data banks, has consolidated the position of the micro, and given it a strategic as well as a tactical importance.

I would go so far as to say that you can forget about even thinking of applying for the top jobs in this appointments supplement if you are not experienced with – and prepared to use – information technology.

So how are executives to rise to the challenge of new technology and new management techniques and get the training they need?

We have to decide first of all whose job it is to organize this training. In Britain we fall between Japanese and American extremes. In Japan the large company ethos of lifetime employment creates an environment in which training can clearly be seen as an investment that will have sufficient time to pay off. In the United States the "hire and fire" practice ensures that the individual manager keeps not only on his toes but also up to date.

In Britain we enjoy the worst of both worlds where the "golden handcuffs" of rigid pension schemes restrict mobility, and everyone blames the other fellow – but never himself.

Inadequate or non-existent training produces poor performance – in France companies are taxed if they do not train. In West Germany the individual professional institutions insist on continuing education.

However, rather than waiting for "them" to organize training for you why don't you do something yourself? It is no good relying on your employers to provide formal management training. Training budgets and training departments have been hard hit by the recession.

Also, the trimmer management teams of today's "tight ships" mean companies simply cannot afford to release key executives for time-consuming – and expensive – away courses.

That is why I believe the answer lies in "self-study". By this I mean that employers encourage their managers to undertake properly organized self-training. The resources are provided by the company and the training takes place partly in your own time and partly in company time.

Self-study – or "open learning" as it is so often called – is a proven technique in technical training. Now, however, management schools such as Ashridge and Henley, have developed similar material for executives covering the key topics of finance for financial managers, cash flow management, introductory microcomputing and so on.

Technology-based training media using computer-based training (CBT) and interactive video disc, for example, can also play a role. Again, a wealth of material has been developed for training technicians. For example, the recently launched Actioncode product covers the whole range of electrical, electronics and robotics technologies.

Equivalent material for management is now also being produced and some interactive video courses have recently appeared on sales management, communication skills and the use of financial and business planning packages.

But self-study or self-skilling is more than a highly efficient way of training. It is also a good management partnership. Companies invest in the resources of training – their executives invest in time and commitment.

Changing attitudes, so that self-skilling becomes an accepted part of an executive's life, will not happen overnight. It is part of a wider acceptance – on an individual as well as a corporate level – of the importance of achieving goals, delivering quality and providing an efficient service.

It fits within an environment where managers have clearly defined objectives and performance criteria that show whether achievements have been reached.

The reward for self-skilling does not come from being trained – it comes from delivering better performance and the career enhancement that follows.

Some impetus is needed to start this process – perhaps the recognition by employers that self-skilling is important and the consequent commitment by managers and professional staff to devote a minimum of say, eight hours a month to it, or risk their promotion prospects.

If British firms are to succeed in today's fast-moving trading environment, priority has to be given to exploiting advantages quickly and effficiently. Organizations have to adapt to change far faster than before, and this means an adaptive and constantly improving management.

Training is one way to enable people to adapt to change, and this applies as much to managers as it does to technical staff. By ensuring they are skilled in the "tools of their craft", executives are equipped to meet change head-on and take advantage of it.

Training, therefore, is not a one-off exercise – it has to be continuous. And self-skilling is the only practical way to do it.

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- ☐ *Assessment of the risk of production system failures.*
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The new Director will be expected to put forward research proposals which are appropriate both to the existing expertise within the Unit and to his/her own personal scientific interests. The precise scope and emphasis of the Unit's future programme will be a matter for discussion between the successful candidate and the Council. The person appointed will have an established reputation as a scientific investigator, be able to develop the Unit's research programme and have the ability to manage and coordinate a research team. He or she need not be medically qualified but will be required to establish active research links with clinicians in order to foster the applied aspects of the Unit's work and to develop the existing close collaboration between the Unit and clinical departments at Hammersmith Hospital.

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Additional information may be obtained from Dr. Fiona Spencer, MRC Headquarters Office, 20 Park Crescent, London W1N 4AL, telephone 01-636 5422 ext. 348.

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For an information pack and application form contact Mr B. Osborne, District Personnel Officer, West Essex Health Authority, District Offices, Hamstel Road, Harlow, Essex. Tel: Harlow 26791 Ext. 265.

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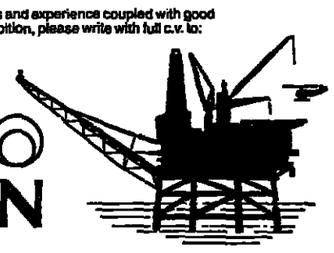
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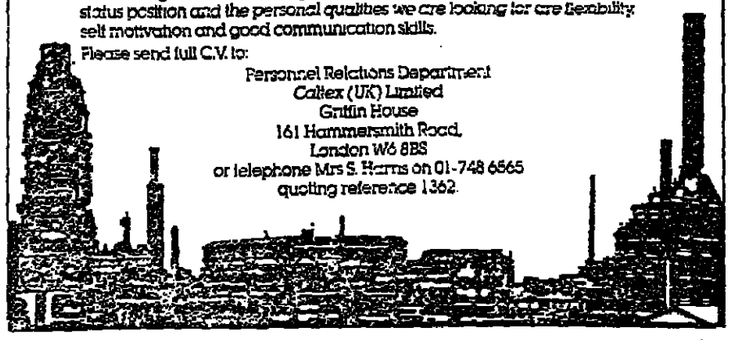
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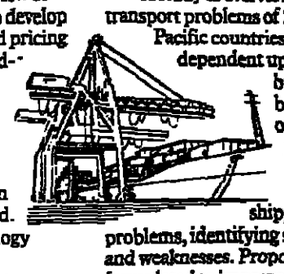


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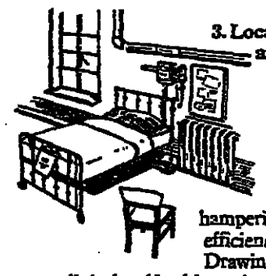
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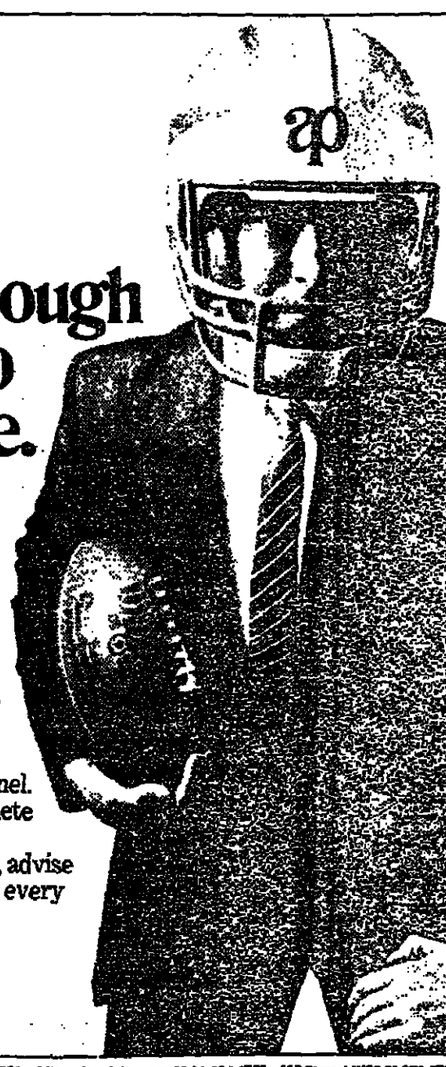
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A guide to career development

Alternative way of learning

Beryl Dixon looks at the advantages of correspondence education and the disadvantages

For many people unable to study on a full time basis, correspondence courses are the only viable way of obtaining educational or vocational qualifications; and several professional examinations are so designed that students may complete them through correspondence education.

Courses do appear to give exceptional value for money: costs are low in comparison with full-time fees and colleges often offer a "pass or money back" guarantee. Such generous gestures are made possible by the numbers of students who enrol, particularly for GCE courses, but fail to complete them, never entering for the exam. Their fees then subsidise those who claim a refund.

Surprisingly, perhaps, these are not great in number. Most people who complete courses report satisfaction with the tuition and do pass.

But the dropout rate *is* high. As every adult education organizer knows, evening class enrolments are made each autumn in a flush of enthusiasm. By Christmas numbers have dropped.

So it is with correspondence education. Anyone seriously considering a correspondence course needs to be aware of the time and commitment required. Hours of study after a day's work make demands on both student and family.

Flush of enthusiasm in the autumn

It can also be a lonely way of studying. Not everyone can cope without the stimulus of fellow students and personal contact with tutors.

If you are reading this because the idea of correspondence study appeals to you and are reasonably sure of your commitment you will want to know how to find a good college. Standards of tuition do vary and the market value of some diplomas is suspect.

Time spent in investigating the claims of different colleges before parting with hard earned cash will pay off. This is particularly important in the case of courses purporting to lead to a professional qualificaion.

There are many advertisements in the national press. I replied recently to a selection of these and received, by return, brochures promising me training in careers ranging from chiropody to interior design and photography to nursery teaching.

Some employed a harder sell than the others: a school of authorship addressed me as "Dear Writer," and offered to turn me into a novelist; (I was informed that I could proceed independently!).

Ten days later came a second letter offering a discount for immediate enrolment.

In the case of apparently career directed courses it might be worth checking with the professional association concerned. But even that has its pitfalls. The British Institute of Professional Photography does not recognize the course in photography I inquired about and sent me a list of approved courses, all full time and all in state colleges, (some with highly competitive entry).

But does it matter whether one's course is approved or not? After all, we all know of famous photographers without any kind of qualification.

Further inquiries of the correspondence school revealed that many ex-students are running their own studios. A correspondence qualification in child care would not be recognized by the Nursery Nursing Examining Board, the board awarding a diploma which is a prerequisite for employment in state day nurseries.

But a family might employ as a nanny someone with this background. It really boils down to where you want to be able to work and whether you need skills or skills plus a recognized diploma from a correspondence school will be acceptable. The deciding factor is usually whether you wish to work in the public or private sector.

It is, for example, possible to train as a Montessori teacher by correspondence but Montessori teachers are not employed in state nurseries or infant schools.

They are employed in private nurseries worldwide and the brochure from the London Montessori Centre – one of two offering a course by correspondence – does state that the qualification gained is for "Montessori teaching appointments".

One of the fiercest professional controversies rages in chiropody, with only state-registered chiropodists trained on three-year, full-time courses allowed to practise in the health service. There is a long-established private college offering correspondence tuition supplemented by practical training providing chiropodists for the private sector, and regarded state registered chiropodists as over trained.

The school's booklet takes great pains to point out that it does not train for registration and is "not interested whatsoever in institutional employment".

If you do receive a prospectus that glosses over employment prospects and does not state clearly any limitations on the acceptability of its qualifications, then do not hesitate to ask. If it offers courses in an area for which a qualification is not strictly necessary, it should be able to provide information on the whereabouts and earning power of former students.

Most schools will gladly do so as they have a reputation to maintain and often rely on personal recommendation to attract students. Or they may offer a substantial guarantee. A London-based writing school, for example, offers to refund fees in full if students do not sell manuscripts within a given period (rejection slips required as proof).

If you approach a college approved by the Council for the Accreditation of Correspondence Colleges you have

Council's role is to set standards

no problem. This is an independent body – although established with the co-operation of the Department of Education and Science which provides two inspectors to attend council meetings.

The council's role is to set standards for correspondence education, to inspect colleges and, if stringent criteria regarding advertising, course material, assessment and tutorial staff are met – to award accreditation.

No college may be accredited until it has been in existence for two years and all must be re-accredited every five years.

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